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*A Day Students Will Remember...*

## Self-Made Businessman Gives Elementary Kids Tour Of I-Park Facility

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Tagging along on a field trip with Clark School first and second graders, school officials got an education in high-tech lab techniques and the promise of a partnership between the High School and an environmental testing laboratory.

Hosting his children's first and second grade classes on a tour of the Almgren Drive environmental testing facility, Spectrum Analytical of Agawam Chief Executive Officer Hanibal Tayeh said the company is interested in establishing partnerships with area colleges and high schools to offer students opportunities for internships and opportunities to learn about the career opportunities existing in town for students interested in chemistry.

Hired as a lab technician by the year-old firm in 1991, Tayeh is credited by his employees with turning a three-man laboratory operating from two rooms at Environmental Compliance Services into a \$3.5 million business with 44 employees. Certified in 12 states, the company will soon expand its Agawam Industrial Park home by about a third, adding 3,300 square feet of space onto their building just two years after moving in.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said the field trip was one of those experiences that students will always remember when looking back on their elementary school years.

"I'm grateful to Spectrum for offering this tour to our kids and for the offer of a partnership with the High School. Everyone has been amazed to see what a high-tech business we have in our industrial park," Johnson said. "We're getting our career center at the High School geared toward giving our students the chance to see what opportunities exist in town, and we want to expose them to the state-of-the-art of industry here in Agawam."

School Superintendent Frank Ameruso said he would jump on the opportunity to set up a relationship between Spectrum and the High School's Career Center. After touring the plant with the Clark School children, Ameruso said he was impressed that the company goes above and beyond what is required by law in disposing of the water samples tested at the lab.

"They reclaim all the water and store it in barrels for disposal, even though they could purify it and discharge it into the sewer system," Ameruso said. "As a resident of Agawam, I'm glad to see that they are protecting our environment, too."

Clark School Principal Sandra Howard believes contact between the schools and businesses gives students, even at the elementary level, the chance to get a feel for something they might want to do later in life as a career.

### Students Conduct Their Own Experiment...

After learning how the company analyzes soil, water, and air samples for environmental contaminants, the children donned rubber gloves to conduct their own experiment using litmus paper to test acid, neutral, and base liquids.

Second grader Kyle Van Etten said the classes had been invited to the laboratory after Mr. Tayeh visited their school on Career Day.



TAKING A TOUR OF SPECTRUM ANALYTICAL (from left to right): Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Spectrum CEO Hanibal Tayeh, Clark School Principal Sandra Howard, and Agawam School Superintendent Frank Ameruso. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Riverside Opens Spectacular New Island Kingdom

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

You won't need an airline ticket or passage on a cruiseship for a tropical island getaway this summer. To head for the tropics, drive south along Main Street to Riverside's new Island Kingdom Water Park for 650,000 gallons of water, rides, shows, and attractions designed to offer something for family members of all ages.

Despite being unable to complete their plans to improve a parking lot and install a pedestrian bridge over Main Street before opening the water park, Riverside officials are satisfied that they can handle the traffic into the park without causing back-ups onto Main Street.

Riverside General Manager William Muirhead said attendance at the park on the opening day of the water park attracted the same size crowd as the Latino Festival that snarled traffic on Main Street several weeks ago, but there were no traffic tie-ups because park patrons were arriving at different times throughout the day (rather than at the same time as occurs for a concert or special event).

The water park has been open for less than two weeks and already families have developed strategies for dividing their time between the tropical attractions of the Island Kingdom and the theme park attractions at the ride park.

*No Suggestions For Improvement...*

## Council Sub-Comm. Okays School Department Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

As predicted by Town Councilor Jill Simpson, the Town Council sub-committee charged with reviewing the School Department Budget lost little time in giving unanimous approval to the \$22.1 million spending plan at a meeting on Monday afternoon at Town Hall.

The budget submitted to the council by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson fully funds the budget request submitted by the School Committee and adds funding for the school councils and funding for capital improvements.

Up 10.99 percent over last year's spending plan, the budget includes funding for 17 new full-time positions; \$83,930 for the school councils; an additional \$125,000 for educational technology, and \$150,000 to expand the Early Childhood Center.

Attending the committee meeting via conference call, Councilor Robert Young joined Mrs. Simpson and committee members Councilors Nancy Thompson and Robert Magovern in approving the School Budget without finding any areas of concern or making suggestions for improving the budget proposal. At the last minute, Councilor Gina Letellier was unable to attend the meeting via conference call as expected.

Sitting in on the meeting were Councilor George Bitzas and School Committeewoman Rosemary Sandlin.

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**SPECTRUM - from Page 1...**

"We were so good, they invited us to come in. The experiment we're doing (with litmus paper) will show red is acid, blue is base, and water is neutral," Kyle said.

Chaperoning the trip, parent Debbie Van Etten praised the company for helping broaden students' horizons by letting them see what some moms and dads are doing in the workplace.

On his Career Day visit to the school, Tayeh impressed second grade teacher Laura Lewis by telling the children about the value of hard work and of his plan to build a business to pass along to his sons, but only if they prove themselves willing to work hard.

"That is just the kind of thing the children need to hear," Mrs. Lewis said. "Even at this age."

Tayeh and his wife emigrated from their native Lebanon in 1990 with no English language skills and \$800 to begin a new life after losing everything in the Persian Gulf War. Tayeh had been an engineering consultant working in Kuwait and Baghdad, Iraq, when the war broke out.

When the couple first came to this country, they lived in the Boston area and Tayeh commuted to his laboratory job in Agawam for three years, spending six hours traveling every day and working nights at a gasoline station.

Frequently working 17-hour days, Tayeh sometimes doesn't see his children for two or three days at a time. But, his family is at the heart of his drive to succeed. Even the children's names are a reflection of that drive.

In Lebanese, sons Ghadi and Haley are "my tomorrow" and "the hope," and daughter Yara is named for the mother of Hanibal, a great general of the ancient world.



**MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON** touring Spectrum Analytical with Clark School first and second graders. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

**SCHOOL BUDGET - from Page 1...****Councilors Praise School Committee...**

The councilors were unanimous in their praise of the School Committee's handling of its budget deliberations, especially in insisting on adding a teaching position to the Middle School budget as well as adding a full-time substance abuse prevention counselor to the Junior High.

"I think the message is that a good education is the most important thing we can offer to Agawam residents," according to Magovern.

Mrs. Sandlin thanked the town for financially supporting the School Department's efforts and urged the town to continue to keep up the level of education funding.

"By the year 2000, we should be at the foundation level spending recommended by the state and then we'll be getting less state aid," Mrs. Sandlin said.

Ms. Thompson said she had seen evidence that students are benefiting academically from the major improvements in the School Department in her seven-year tenure on the council.

"I expect the council will continue to approve the funding that will keep the School Department moving forward as long as they are held accountable and we see the results with the students," Ms. Thompson said.

Citing major initiatives over the last few years in adding staff, purchasing textbooks and curriculum materials, and upgrading technology in the schools, Mrs. Simpson, who has served as chairman of the School Budget sub-committee for the past five years, said, "I would like to see some of this spending stabilize over the years. I'm sure we've gotten to a place where we won't have to keep making these huge increases every year."

The council will hold a public hearing on the entire \$49 million town budget at the Monday, June 15th meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School.

**LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM**

You are hereby notified that a public hearing will be held at Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St., in the Town of Agawam, Massachusetts, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on Monday, June 15, 1998 upon petition of WMECO dated May 15th, 1998 for permission to remove pole number 185 and overhead primary. Install three phase Underground primary between pole number 184 and number 185. Riverside Park is installing a bridge over the road in the

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ways or parts of ways designated in said petition, along which designated route of line you are an owner or real estate as determined by the last preceding assessment for taxation.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1998.

Information regarding this petition may be obtained from Western Mass. Electric Company in Springfield, Tel. No. 785-5871.

Petition No. 1355. Street: Main Street.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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**LEGAL NOTICE****LEGAL NOTICE****TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD**

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 18, 1998 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of A & F Builders for a Revision to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of Birch Hill Estates.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

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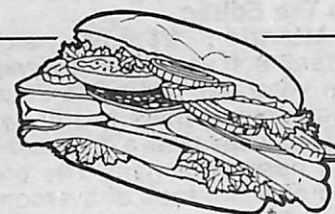
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## Guest Editorial...

# The Best Ways To Avoid Overexposure To The Summer Sun

by Cindy Sanford-Taylor  
Vice-President, Agawam Junior Women's Club

(Continued from last week's edition...)

### 5. Cover up.

Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, long-sleeved shirts, pants, or long skirts as much as possible when in the sun. Most materials and colors absorb or reflect UV rays. Tightly weaved cloth is the best.

Avoid wearing wet clothes, such as a wet T-shirt, because when clothes get wet, the sun's rays can more easily pass through.

### 6. Avoid artificial tanning.

Many people believe that the UV rays of tanning beds are harmless because sunlamps in tanning beds emit primarily UVA and little, if any, UVB (the rays once thought to be the most hazardous). However, UVA can cause serious skin damage, too. According to some scientists, UVA may be linked to the most serious form of skin cancer — melanoma.

So-called "tanning pills" carry a safety risk, too. Beta-carotene, which gives carrots their orange color, are used in these pills to give the skin an orange color. But to do that, requires more than the average dose recommended as a vitamin, which is why it is considered risky.

Tanning pills also contain the ingredient canthaxanthin, which can form crystal deposits in the eyes, causing impaired vision. Tanning lotion is another way to produce an artificial tan (somewhat uneven), but this does not protect the skin from exposure to the sun.

### 7. Check skin regularly.

You can improve your chances of finding precancerous skin conditions, such as actinic keratosis (a dry, scaly, reddish, and slightly raised lesion) and skin cancer, by performing simple skin self-exams regularly.

The earlier you identify signs and see a doctor, the greater the chances for successful treatment.

### Who's most at risk?

- Take extra care to protect babies and children from the sun.
- Have fair skin; blond, red, or light brown hair; and blue green or gray eyes.
- Have freckles and burn before tanning.
- Spend a lot of time outdoors.
- Were previously treated for skin cancer.
- Have a family history of skin cancer, especially melanoma.
- Work indoors all week and then try to catch up on your tan on weekends.

- Live or vacation at high altitudes (ultraviolet radiation from the sun increases four to five percent for every 1,000 feet above sea level).

- Live or vacation close to the equator.

- Have certain diseases, such as lupus erythematosus.

- Use products with alpha hydroxy acids (AHA's), which may increase sun sensitivity.

- Take certain medicines; consult your personal physician.

### Which sunscreen product for you?

Sunburn and Tanning History	Recommended SPF (Sun Protection Factor)
Always burns easily; rarely tans	20 to 30
Always burns easily; tans minimally	12 to under 20
Burns moderately; tans gradually	8 to under 12
Burns minimally; always tans well	4 to under 8
Rarely burns; tans profusely	2 to under 4

For further information, contact the EPA's Stratospheric Ozone Hotline at (800) 296-1996. Hotline staff can supply you with fact sheets and other useful information.

This message is being brought to you by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, a member of GFWC and GFWC of Massachusetts.



## Letters To The Editor

### There's Still Time To Join Flag Day Golf Tournament

#### To The Editor:

Attention friends, neighbors, and fellow veterans. If you haven't signed up to participate in the Veterans' Council's Second Annual Flag Day Tournament, there is still time!

Last year was a tremendous success, but we still need your help. The project design is done and now the task of overcoming the cost begins. This historic endeavor will once again make Agawam shine.

Hundreds of hours have been spent researching data to make this the most accurate list of wartime veterans. We were chosen to be the site for the state's first Veterans' Cemetery because of our pride, patriotism, and commitment to veterans.

You showed this commitment on Memorial Day and impressed officials from Boston to Washington D.C. Let's keep that spirit alive. Join us this Sunday, June 14th, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Tickets are only \$55 per person and include a continental breakfast, greens fee, golf cart, BBQ, and entry into a special door prize raffle. Registration is at 7:00 a.m., with a shotgun start set for 8:00 a.m.

Even if you aren't a golfer, you can still help make a difference. Your donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated. We are also still accepting prize donations from local businesses.

Make that call today to the Department of Veterans' Services at 786-0400. ext. 237. Remember, Sunday, June 14th is Flag Day. Show your pride, properly display your flag, and be proud to be an American.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent  
Christopher N. Sanchez  
Golf Tournament Chairman  
Ed Kellogg  
Agawam Veterans' Council President

### Celebration Dinner Committee Extends More "Thank-Yous"

#### To The Editor:

The 25-Plus Years Celebration Dinner Committee would like to correct a previous letter of thanks. Robinson Park School's PTO initiated sponsorship of their teachers who were being

honored. Their name was inadvertently left off of the list. I apologize for this error and extend to them a very special thank-you.

At this time, the committee and the Agawam Education Association would also like to extend a very special thank-you to Patricia Burnett. Pat made a beautiful quilt to be raffled. Proceeds helped to sponsor honorees' dinners. The lucky winner was Mr. Orefice, a teacher at the Agawam High School.

Sincerely,  
Barbara A. Connery, Chair

### Feeding Hills Family Is In Search Of Good Samaritan

#### To The Editor:

We are searching for a good samaritan. We know she was at the scene of an accident which occurred on Saturday, May 9th, close to midnight near the Dunkin' Donuts on Southwick Street in Feeding Hills.

This woman's caring assistance helped to calm a young, redheaded girl who was having difficulty breathing and to comfort her by wrapping a sweater around her neck until EMT's arrived.

All the teens involved in this accident were taken to the hospital in ambulances, so no one learned this brave woman's name or how to properly thank her. We would like to be able to do that now with the help of this publication.

If you are the woman, possibly a nurse, who stopped to help the kids that rainy night, please take a moment to call us at 786-4175 so we may thank you.

We are very grateful there are still people like you in the world.

Sincerely,  
Charlie and Iris Copson  
Feeding Hills

## FireWise...

### by Fire Chief David Pisano Fire Safety & The Handicapped

Handicapped persons require separate fire safety precautions and plans tailored to their special needs.

Whether at home or at work, the handicapped person creates unique demands and knowledge. The handicapped person, in many cases, presents the same educational and safety demands as children or the elderly.

The Agawam Fire Department suggests that all handicapped persons be registered with the fire department to facilitate the necessary actions or precautions in the event of a fire. The handicapped person may require extra time to escape, call for help, or even be alerted to a fire or other emergency.

Handicapped persons should contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 to request a representative to help identify their special fire safety needs and to assist them. A specially tailored plan must be developed.

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Agawam Police Department will hold a public hearing on June 26, 6:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss use of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds.

By Order of Robert Campbell, Chief of Police  
Agawam Police Department  
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## Supporting The PVTa...



SENATE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER LINDA J. MELCONIAN with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson and Gary A. Shepard (far right) of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority. The Senate Ways and Means FY'99 Budget includes a major commitment to expand services for the PVTa. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Massachusetts Senate Passes Minimum Wage Amendment

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced Senate passage of an amendment to the FY '99 state Budget which would raise the state's minimum wage by \$1.50 over the next three years.

"It is shameful that in an industrialized nation with great wealth and prosperity, individuals working full-time are still unable to rise above the poverty level," Melconian said. "This amendment would allow minimum wage workers to rise above the poverty level and provide an adequate living for themselves and their families."

The minimum wage amendment would mirror national legislation proposed by U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy by raising the minimum wage 50 cents a year in each of the next three years. This would push Massachusetts' minimum wage from \$5.25 an hour to \$6.75 in 2000. Kennedy's legislation would increase the national minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$6.50 over the same time period. In addition, the amendment calls for tying the minimum wage to inflation after the year 2000.

"This is an important legislative issue that affects thousands of our workers, especially women," Melconian said. "Over 60 percent of minimum wage workers are women, which also makes this a women's equity issue."

The House has not included a minimum wage increase in its budget. Melconian hopes the conference committee accepts the increase. "No one can support a family on \$5.25 an hour," Melconian said. "With a booming state economy, it is imperative that the state does not leave people at the lower end of the economic scale at financial risk. We owe our working men and women an adequate and fair wage."

If accepted by the conferees, the amendment would go into effect on September 1, 1998.

## Rep. Keenan Has Guide For "Natural Connections Events"

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan is pleased to offer a guide to the Natural Connections Events, which are part of the Massachusetts State Forests and Parks Centennial Celebration.

The weekend of June 20th and 21st will mark the official 100th Anniversary of the state forests and parks system.

A wide range of recreational, cultural, entertainment, and environmental education events are scheduled across the state as part of the celebration. A guide to the Natural Connections Events will include dates and descriptions of these activities.

To obtain a guide of the Natural Connections Events, contact Rep. Dan Keenan's district office at 786-4545 or 342 Springfield Street in Agawam.

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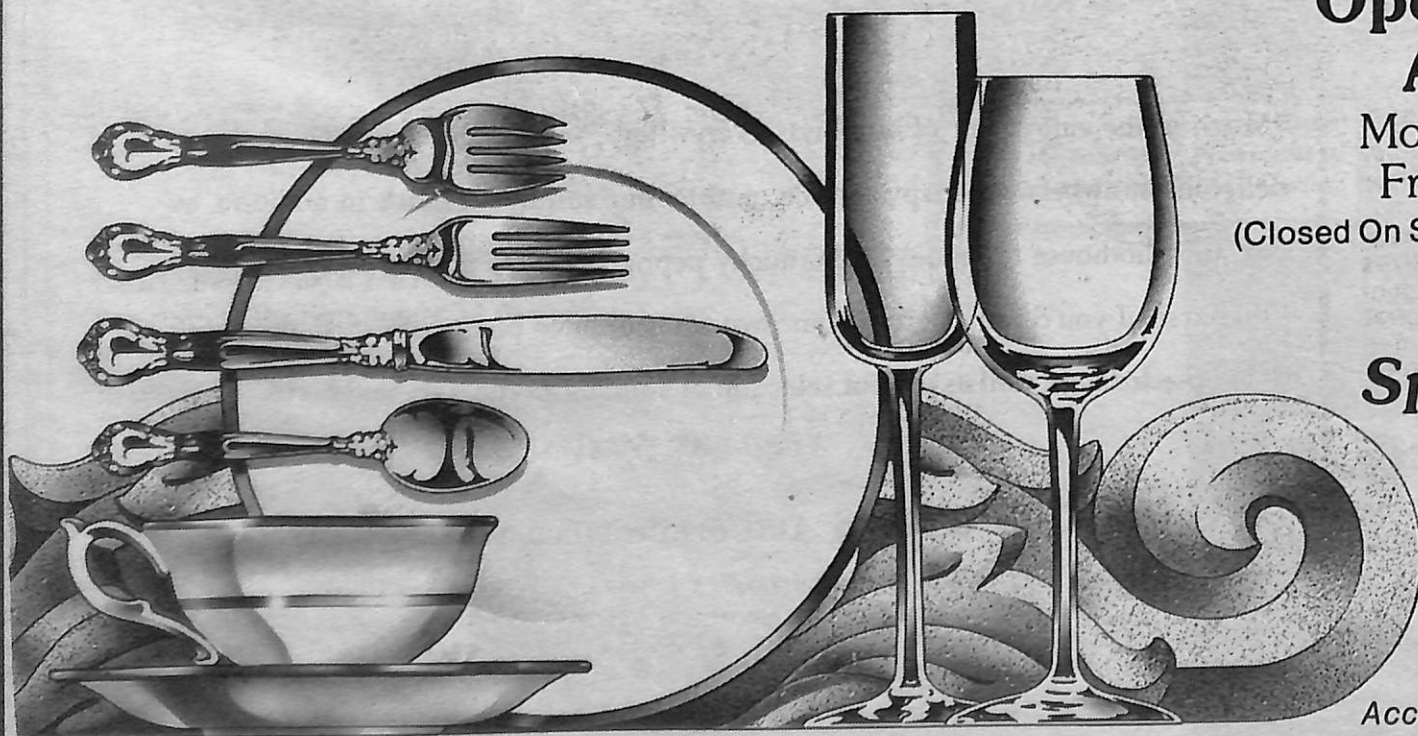
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**WATER PARK - from Page 1...**

"Our customers are getting two parks for the price of one," park spokeswoman Shari Blackman said. "We're finding moms and younger kids are staying at the water park while the dads and older kids go through the ride park for the thrill rides. Then they'll all meet in one central location to enjoy the ride park together."

Entering the water park, guests walk along a path lined with tiki poles and landscaped with tropical vegetation, including authentic palm trees. So much attention has been paid to the tiniest of details that the "shoreline" around "Commotion Ocean" has been tinted to resemble a beach. There are even sand carvings to complete the illusion of a giant tidal pool. Every 10 minutes, the otherwise placid-looking "Commotion Ocean" lives up to its name, sending 4-foot waves crashing over the tube and body surfers.

The centerpiece of the Island Kingdom is "Hook's Lagoon," an interactive waterplay structure with over 50 water features and four slippery water slides. The crowning touch on the pirate-inspired themed playscape is a giant wooden bucket that fills up with 1,000 gallons of water every five minutes and tips over, drenching everyone.

"It doesn't take long before the kids are screaming to have the bucket dump out. 'Hook's Lagoon' will keep the kids' imaginations going for hours of interactive play," Ms. Blackman said.

At the "Big Kahuna Water Coaster," part of the thrill is not knowing which direction the riders are facing as they snake their way down one of four enclosed tube slides; on "Adventure River," riders makes their way on tubes down a 1,000-foot river as they meander past waterfalls, water bursts, and geysers — down a lazy river, so to speak. The pace picks up on the "Swiss Family Toboggan" as riders hop into six-person rafts for a family ride down a 70-foot-high, 14-foot-wide slide. Riders on the "Cannonball Falls" speed slide choose between two enclosed slides and one open-air speed slide.

Ms. Blackman said crews are working, practically around the clock, before and after the park closes to put the finishing touches on the landscaping and complete a wading pool for toddlers featuring a center fountain to add to the fun.

**The Lion's Share Of The Expansion Project...**

With a \$12.6 million price tag, the water park accounts for the lion's share of the park's \$20 million expansion project for 1998. In their first year as Riverside's owners, Premier Parks brought over \$30 million in new attractions and improvements to the park last year.

At the ride park, work continues on the facades recreating a hometown area with a 1950's look. Town Hall is still under consideration, and the high school gymnasium is expected to open soon for special performances.

The major construction at the ride park this season is the \$4 million upgrade of the children's area. Expected to be completed next month, Startoons Studio will be themed to give young guests the impression they are backstage at a cartoon studio.

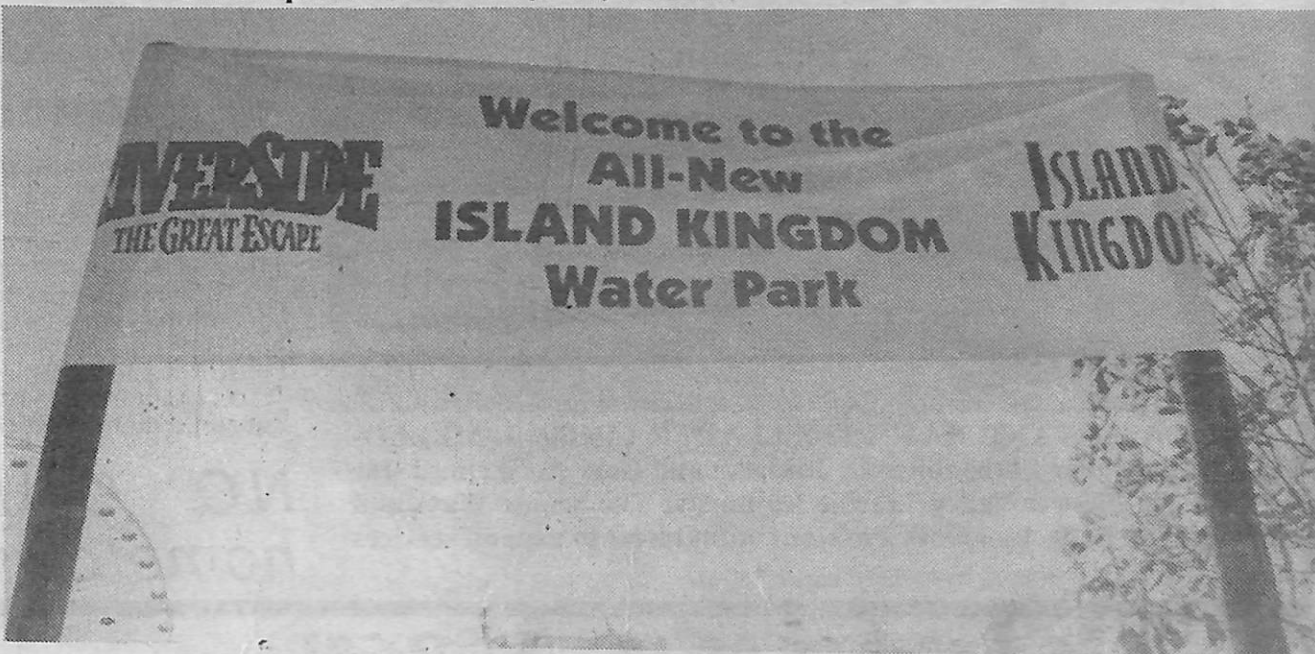
Kids can begin their visit to the studio with a ride on Studio Tours Bus, a kid-sized version of the Sling Shot. Some familiar favorites awaiting the children are the kiddie swings, the elephants, Rio Grande Train ride, bumper cars, and the Thunder Coaster. The kids' Himalayan ride has been refurbished into a Ride to Mars, in keeping with the fantasy, cartoon theming of the area. Both kids and parents can hop onto the balloon ride, and Paul Bunyon's Tree House will give kids a place for interactive play, Ms. Blackman said.

Coming soon to the Startoons Studio: Big Foot, a brigade of monster trucks, running along a track.

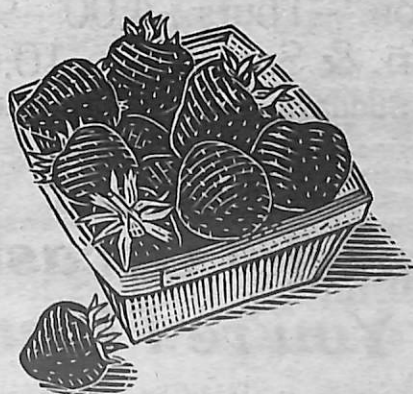
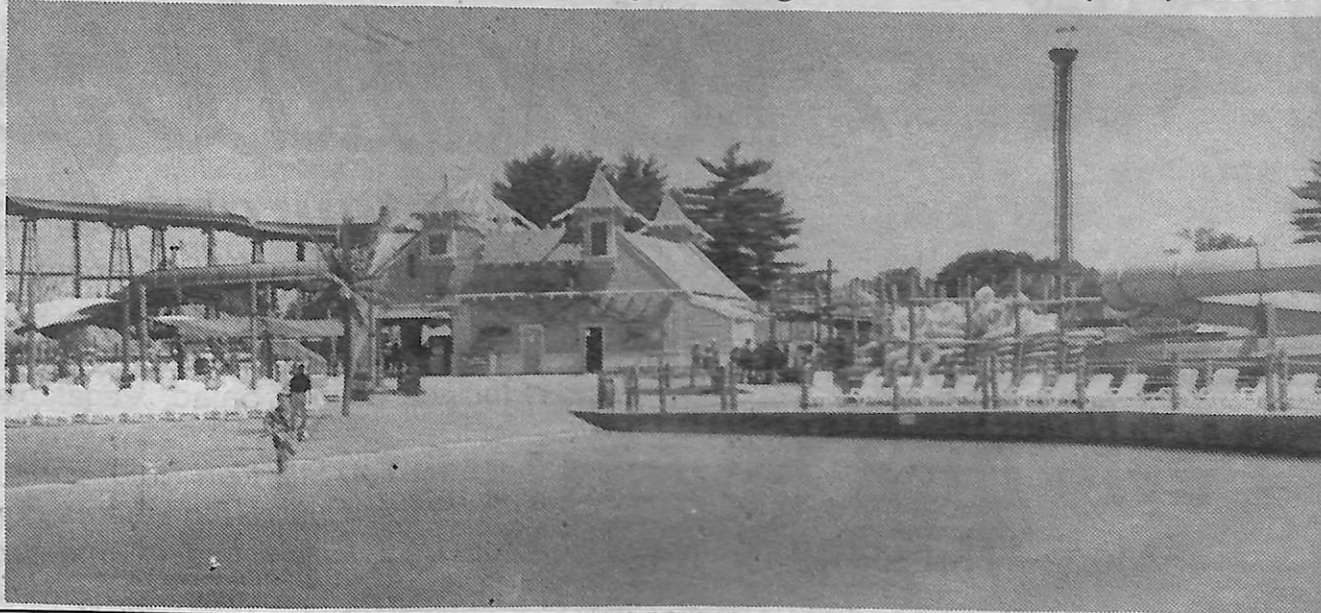
**SEE WATER PARK - Page 7...**



**AT THE OPENING OF Riverside's new Water Park (from left to right):** Agawam Police Chief Robert Campbell, Councilor Ed Caba, Councilor Robert Young, Councilor Dennis Perry, Council President Donald Rheault, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, Riverside General Manager William Muirhead, Council Vice-President Robert Magovern, Councilor John Negrucci, School Committeewoman Rosemary Sandlin, Councilor Nancy Thompson, and Councilor Jill Simpson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THE ALL-NEW ISLAND KINGDOM WATER PARK (above and below) at Riverside is now open for those parkgoers who are young and young-at-heart.** Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



"Much to the enjoyment of tastebuds everywhere, we've started picking our own delicious strawberries, crispy lettuce, and tender summer squash in addition to our juicy hothouse tomatoes and crunchy peppers! (*That's a lot of adjectives, huh?*) Of course, if you'd rather grow your own, we still have plenty of vegetable plants to choose from, as well as a great selection of annuals, perennials, and herbs."

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**WATER PARK - from Page 6...**

Muirhead said the company remains committed to solving its parking and traffic problems, but the solutions are taking longer than the company had hoped. The plan to pave a 943-slot parking lot across from the park was turned down by the Conservation Commission last month. That decision is on appeal with the State Department of Environmental Protection in a process that could take up to 30 days, Muirhead said. In the meantime, Riverside is using the lot in its unpaved state to park cars traveling south on Main Street toward the park.

Riverside's plan to erect a safety bridge to transport park patrons over Main Street using trams in order to avoid stopping traffic for pedestrians is under review by the Zoning Board of Appeals. In order to comply with the regulations for advertising a public hearing, the bridge proposal isn't likely to appear on the ZBA's agenda for discussion until close to the end of the month, and the 21-day appeals process could leave Riverside powerless to begin construction of the bridge until late in July.

Predicting that the board will likely vote on granting a special use for the bridge when the public hearing continues later this month, ZBA chairman Ronald Hebert would not speculate on the outcome of the vote.

"The board recognizes the importance of this in regard to the traffic flow and the overall impact of traffic in the River Road/South Street area," Hebert said.

LEGAL NOTICE

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM  
BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will reconvene a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1998 at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of RIVERSIDE PARK, which is seeking a Special Use Permit from Section 180-II of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a "Safety Bridge" between the East and West sides of the Park at the premises identified as 1623 MAIN STREET.

Published: June 11, 1998

Ronald A. Hebert  
Chairman

**MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON**  
and Riverside General Manager William Muirhead at the opening of Riverside's new Water Park. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Medical Insurance Extended To Spouses Of Deceased Workers

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

In a nearly unanimous vote at its last meeting, Town Council agreed to pay for half of the cost of providing medical insurance to the spouses of deceased town employees and retirees.

The vote was 10-0 in favor of a resolution submitted by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson with Councilor Gina Letellier abstaining because the outcome of the vote would affect her family. Ms. Letellier's father is a retired Agawam police officer.

Presently, the town covers half of the cost of medical insurance for employees, retirees, and their spouses. However, upon the death of a town employee, the surviving spouse must pick up the full cost of the insurance, creating the potential for severe financial hardships.

In a memo to the council, Johnson said state law allows the town, by vote of the council with the Mayor's approval, to pick up one-half of the premiums for hospital, surgical, medical, and dental insurance for the surviving spouses.

In supporting the measure that would add \$29,226 to the town budget for the next fiscal year, Johnson said the current system places a severe financial burden on many surviving spouses who are faced with the potential loss of their spouse's pension and twice the cost of maintaining Medicare gap insurance.

Speaking on behalf of the retirees, John J. Chriscola, a member of the Insurance Advisory Committee since 1958, told the councilors, "I would appreciate it if you could help those people."

Councilor George Bitzas agreed, "It's about time. This is unfair to have these people serve the town and then have this burden fall on their loved ones after their deaths."

Councilor Edward Caba urged the council to support the Mayor's initiative as "one of the best ways to remember all of these fine people."

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## — Agawam Obituaries —

### William F. Foley

On Tuesday, June 2nd, William F. Foley, 70, of Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Proctor, Vermont, he was raised and educated there, having attended St. Michael's College, and had been a resident to this area for the past 45 years.

He was the owner of the William F. Foley Insurance Agency, Inc. of Feeding Hills since 1967, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

He held membership with the West Springfield and Agawam Lodge of the Elks, the Dante Club of West Springfield, the St. Rocco Men's Club of Westfield, the Tadam Social Club of West Springfield, and was the Past President of the Friends of Belchertown.

He had served as Vice Chairman of the Quaban Human Rights Program, and was a long-time advocate for the mentally retarded.

His numerous contributions to the Belchertown State School earned him the dedication of a baseball park, Foley Field, in Belchertown.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Marjorie (Parker) Foley in 1962, and his second wife, Lucille (Lango) Foley in 1990.

He is survived by a companion, Judy Jock of Feeding Hills; four daughters, Eilene E. Reed of Vienna, Virginia, Teresa S. Foley, SSJ, of Cranston, Rhode Island, Patricia Foley of Northampton, and Andrea F. Foley of Belchertown; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 6th, from the Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church of Feeding Hills, followed by burial in St. Mary's Cemetery of Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Parents, Guardians, and Friends Expendable Trust, Attn.: Teresa O'Hare, 1537 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

### Robert E. Perkins, Jr.

Robert E. Perkins, Jr., 46, of 307 Chestnut Street, Springfield, died at home.

He was a supervisor for Bridgeport National Book Binding Co. in Agawam for more than 20 years.

Born in Lebanon, New Hampshire, he was a 1971 graduate of the High School of Commerce.

He was a member of the Chicopee Moose Lodge, and a trade show and swap meet trader.

He leaves his mother, Alice (Blake) Perkins Moore of Springfield; his stepfather, Henry Moore of Norwich, Vermont; two brothers, Edwin of West Springfield, and Ernest French of Bradford, Vermont; and a sister, Debbie Lopez of Springfield.

The funeral and burial were private, and Byron's City Burial & Cremation Service was in charge of the arrangements.

### Isobel F. Trauschke

Isobel F. (Hunter) Trauschke, 79, of Quail Run, 50 Cardinal Drive, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Born in Springfield, she lived in that city most of her life, moving to Agawam 18 months ago.

She was a graduate of the former Technical High School, Springfield, and a member of the Order of Eastern Star.

She was also a member of the Church of the Acres—Baptist and its Women's Group.

Her husband, Robert A. Trauschke, died in 1986.

She leaves a son, Alan R. of Feeding Hills, and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, 377 Elliot Street, Newton, MA 02164.

### Lydia Pearsall

Lydia (Menard) Pearsall, 90, of 49 Cat Brier Lane, Hilton Head, South Carolina, died at home.

Born in Agawam, she was a communicant of St. David's Episcopal Church.

Her husband, Alvah Pearsall, predeceased her.

She leaves a son, Alvah of Falmouth, MA; a daughter, Marjorie Hynes of Hilton Head; a sister, Leona Flannery of Agawam; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A morning memorial service was conducted at St. David's, and a private burial took place in Hill Cemetery in Blandford. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. David's Episcopal Church Building Fund, Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

### Mildred L. Ryan

Mildred L. (Hasenfus) Ryan, 80, of Springfield, died June 7, 1998 in Holyoke Hospital.

Born in Norwood, she had lived in West Newton before moving to Springfield 41 years ago.

She was a 1939 graduate of Regis College, where she received her Bachelor of Science degree. She received her Master's degree in 1942 from Boston University.

She was a nurse's aide for 10 years at St. Luke's Home in Springfield and formerly was an elementary teacher for the Bellingham School System.

She is survived by two sons, Frederick H. Ryan of Hanson, MA, and David M. Ryan of Brimfield; five daughters, Carol-Louise Thoresen of Enfield, Janice M. Ryan of Springfield, Rosemary C. Kratovil of Feeding Hills, Ann-Elizabeth Moriarty of Holyoke, and Linda-Jean DiMartino of Easthampton; a brother, John A. Hasenfus of Den-

nisport; 21 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Another brother, Clement J. Hasenfus, died in 1995.

The funeral was held at Hafey Springfield Chapels, 494 Belmont Avenue, Springfield, followed by a Mass in Holy Name Church. Burial was in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 140 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, MA 02118-2227, or Toy for Joy, c/o Enfield Police Department, 293 Elm Street, Enfield, CT 06082.

### Joseph W. Murphy

Joseph W. Murphy, 85, of Suffield Street, Agawam, died at a local nursing home.

He was an accountant and business consultant for many years, and retired in 1987.

Born in Springfield, he was a former resident of Moreland Street. He attended Springfield's parochial schools, and was graduated from the High School of Commerce.

He earned a degree from Northeastern University in Boston.

He was a communicant of the Sacred Heart Church, a Navy veteran of World War II, and a member of Springfield's Elks Lodge 61.

He leaves two brothers, Richard of Naples, Florida, and Paul of Springfield, and nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at the church, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield. Sampson's Liberty Street Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rescue Mission, 19 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

### Catherine T. Murphy

Catherine T. Murphy, 71, of Feeding Hills, died at her brother's home in Colrain.

She worked for Springfield Wire Co. for 20 years, and retired in 1976.

She was born in Springfield, and lived in West Springfield most of her life.

She came to Feeding Hills in 1984.

She was a former parishioner of the Immaculate Conception Church, and belonged to the West Springfield Deadline Gang.

She leaves her brother, Francis Murphy of Colrain, and a sister, Mildred Murphy of Feeding Hills.

A graveside service was held at Calvary Cemetery in Chicopee, and Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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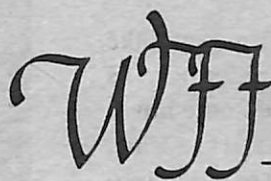
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"Gone from our sight, but never our memories — Gone from our touch, but never our hearts."

The Borgatti family wishes to thank all of you for your cards, flowers, letters, and kind expressions of sympathy during the loss of our dear mother and wife. Your kindness has helped to ease our pain. She will be sadly missed.

## Notice To Friends And Insureds Of



William F. Foley Insurance Agency, Inc.

It is with great sadness that we must inform you that our beloved BOSS/ASSOCIATE passed away on June 2, 1998. It is a great loss and he will be missed immensely.

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## Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For June 15, 1998

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 6/1/98
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
  - (a) Resolutions
    1. TR-98-22- A Resolution to Encourage Saving the Charles C. Wright House from Demolition (Sponsors: Coun. George Bitzas, the Agawam Beautification Comm., the Agawam Historical Assoc., and the Agawam Historical Comm.).
    2. TR-98-23- A Resolution Supporting the Installation of a Pedestrian Bridge Over Main Street by Riverside Park (Sponsors: Coun. George Bitzas and the Agawam Beautification Comm.).
    3. TR-98-24- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Any and All Documents Necessary for the Acquisition of the Hall Property Consisting of 14/35 Acres Located on Elm Street and Perry Lane in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts (Mayor).
7. Report of Coun. Committees
8. Elections
9. Public Hearings
  - (a)
    1. PH-98-3-(TOR-98-4)-An Ordinance to amend the Code of The Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, in Order to regulate Adult Businesses in the Town of Agawam (City Council is Petitioner)(Conduct Public Hearing).
    2. PH-98-4-(TR-98-18)-A Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Program for FY1999-FY2003 for the Town of Agawam (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. Old Business
  - (a)
    1. TO-98-28-Voucher List (\$132.03).

### OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenfield Hospice, 48 Sanderson Street, Greenfield, MA 01301.

#### Yong Chu Chae

Yong Chu (Kim) Chae, 76, of Hadley and formerly of Feeding Hills, died at Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

Born and raised in Korea, she lived in Feeding Hills for several years before moving to Hadley last year.

Her husband, Han Chae, died in 1950.

She leaves a son, Kwan of Amherst; two daughters, Kyong Menard of Jacksonville, Florida, and Ok Pak of Denver, Colorado; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home in West Springfield, with the burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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##### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 15, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Ch. 180 to allow for provisions to regulate "Adult Businesses in the Town of Agawam." A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Board or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler

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Clerk of the Council

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**Robert A. Magovern, Vice-President**  
144 Birch Hill Road  
Agawam  
789-0171

**George Bitzas**  
33 Fernwood Drive  
Agawam  
789-1464

**Edward A. Caba**  
198 Walnut Street  
Agawam  
786-2479

**Gary F. Geiger**  
33 Zachary Lane  
Agawam  
789-6756

**Gina M. Letellier**  
150 Maple Street  
Agawam  
786-4723

**John J. Negrucci**  
35 Hayes Avenue  
Feeding Hills  
789-2887

**Dennis J. Perry**  
466 North West Street  
Feeding Hills  
786-1238

**Jill P. Simpson**  
24 Pleasant Valley Road  
Feeding Hills  
786-0053

**Nancy E. Thompson**  
19A Mansion Woods Drive  
Agawam  
786-0586

**Robert M. Young**  
216 South Westfield Street  
Feeding Hills  
786-8995

### 1998 School Committee Members

**Christopher C. Johnson, Chairman**  
88 Morningside Circle  
Feeding Hills  
786-6297

**Linda Galarneau, Vice Chairwoman**  
24 Sycamore Terrace  
Agawam  
789-2323

**Roberta Doering, Secretary**  
915 River Road  
Agawam  
786-2323

**Teresa Kozloski**  
102 Meadow Street  
Agawam  
786-6934

**Louis Massola, Jr.**  
6 Sequoia Drive  
Feeding Hills  
786-5785

**Susan Pettazzoni**  
116 Granger Drive  
Feeding Hill  
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**Rosemary Sandlin**  
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*Our annual "Graduation Issue" will be published on June 25th. Due to the large amount of copy we receive for that edition, the deadline is Monday, June 22nd.*

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From Tuesday, July 9th...

## Highlights From School Committee Meeting

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

If more high school students followed the prescription for a safe and healthy life advocated by the winners of a system-wide health awareness essay contest, maybe the Agawam High School administration would not need to make tougher penalties for students caught smoking and engaging in other risky behaviors.

At Tuesday night's School Committee meeting, the seven-member board listened to five award-winning student essays on "Staying Safe and Being Healthy," presented six retiring teachers with citations, and agreed unanimously to tighten up the discipline code at the High School.

Added to the list of offenses covered by the school's zero tolerance policy (automatic suspension and possible expulsion) were drug and alcohol offenses on school property or at school-related events, and making verbal or written threats to kill or harm an individual or a group of individuals.

AHS Principal Joseph Zabielski said the recent incidents of student violence at schools across the country have made it necessary for everyone to be on guard and to take seriously any student making threats to harm others.

"We have to respond with zero tolerance to violence and threats in our schools," Zabielski said. "Now we have to take all threats seriously; these aren't just mutterings anymore."

Zabielski said the school will notify parents if threats have been made against their child, and the school will encourage parents to file a complaint against the offenders.

Last week, School Superintendent Frank Ameruso sent a letter to all school principals directing them to notify the police if a student makes verbal or written threats to harm or kill others.

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Dean of Students Bernadette Conte outlined the changes included in this year's revision of the student guide, beginning with new rules dealing with tardiness and dismissals from school.

"We have done a wonderful job of cutting down on tardiness and now we're proposing if a student is tardy six times, they cannot come back to school unless accompanied by a parent. If a student is 30 minutes late, they must bring a note from home," Mrs. Conte said.

Forms for having a student dismissed from school must be obtained from Mrs. Conte or Deputy Principal Paul Cavallo and must be signed by a parent or guardian.

Another addition to the discipline code is a section from Mass. General Laws detailing a school

principal's right to suspend a student who has been charged with a felony, if the principal determines that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school.

Students have the right to an appeal to the superintendent, who will make the final decision on behalf of the school district.

Similarly, a student who admits guilt in court or is convicted of a felony can be expelled from school by the principal. Again, students have the right to appeal to the superintendent to make a final ruling for the school system.

Students will face varying lengths of external suspension for smoking, possessing tobacco products, possessing drug paraphernalia, and using matches and lighters. Students caught possessing lighters, matches, or electronic devices such as cell phones, beepers, and headphones, face detention.

Students must pass all required courses and have the proper number of credits to graduate in addition to satisfying all financial and disciplinary obligations.

Students will not be allowed to attend class-sponsored events unless their class dues are paid, and seniors who are not graduating cannot participate in senior graduation week events.

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School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson and Vice-Chair Linda Galarneau presented framed citations honoring six retiring teachers for their long and distinguished careers in Agawam schools.

The honorees were Thomas Collins, Academic Coordinator for Technology Education and Massachusetts Technology Education Teacher of the Year (1998), 38 years of service; Kenneth Dean, AHS chemistry teacher, 30 years of service; Marjorie Greenough, Clark School first grade teacher, 32 years of service; Lawrence Sheehan, AHS history teacher, 30 years of service; Barbara Souliere, Special Education teacher, 25 years of service; and Janet Wysocki, Phelps School third grade teacher, 38 years of service.

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Health Education Supervisor Kathy Gomes said the PTOs at the elementary, middle, and secondary schools agreed to provide a \$25 gift certificate for the essay contest winners:

Caitlyn Hurley, Clark School; Daniel Goncalves, Robinson Park School; Katey Garrett, Phelps School; Brianna St. Peter, Granger School; Noelle Serafino, Middle School; Kim Landry and Andrew Wynne, Junior High; and Irene Brown and Michael Basile, High School.

Resurrecting Mayor/Council Feud...

## Council Sub-Comm. Delays Action On Portion Of Budget

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

A Town Council sub-committee reviewing spending plans totaling more than \$9 million put off voting on their recommendation to the full council in a dispute with the Mayor over \$10,000 included in the professional services consulting account.

The three-member sub-committee found little to question in the budgets for the council, Mayor, Law Department, auditor, clerk, assessor, data processing, treasurer, or the Council on Aging. But, the line items budget resurrected a feud between the Mayor and the council that nearly shut down town government last year.

"Most of the areas we had to cover were pretty cut and dried," according to sub-committee member Dennis Perry. "Our main concern was the \$10,000 consultant budget being in the line items and not in our budget."

Perry and committee Chairman Edward A. Caba requested the money be transferred from the line items budget to the council's own professional services account.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson "respectfully declined."

Even though the councilors agreed that the Mayor would have to sign off on any attempt to hire an outside consultant, whether the funds were included in the council's budget or in the line items budget, both sides again banged heads over philosophical and political differences.

"I'm not going to set a precedent that somehow they are going to hire people to perform work that's already being done by other town departments. As a taxpayer, I'd be very concerned about that," Johnson said. "They just want a pot of money to spend any way they want."

But, Perry believes it is important for the money to be in the council's account rather than an account described as "under the direct control of the Mayor."

"I agree that the Mayor still has to sign off even if the money is in our budget, but I feel it will be a lot easier for the Mayor to say 'no' when the money is in the general fund," Perry said.

**Same Amount In Professional Services Account...**

Johnson said none of the \$10,000 earmarked for the council's use was spent from last year's budget, but he included the same amount in the town's professional services account for the council's use in his current budget proposal, even though the budget request submitted by former council President Kent Servis in December asked for \$250 in the council's professional services account.

Last year, to settle the bitter battle over the lack of funds in the council's budget to hire outside consultants to review the tax treaty proposed by Berkshire Power and to hire an attorney to look into the possible misuse of funds by the council and Town Hall, an agreement was reached setting aside \$10,000 in the town professional services budget. The money was earmarked for the council's use with the approval of the Mayor.

At presstime, Caba was contacting Perry and the sub-committee's third member, Council Robert Young, to set a date and time for the committee's next meeting.

Caba said he expected the committee would recommend approving the budgets under their review with the exception of the line items budget.

"We'll probably recommend approval with leaving that open for discussion by the full council," Caba said.

Town Council will hold a public hearing on Johnson's \$49 million budget proposal at its next meeting on Monday, June 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —

## Eligible Elders Are Encouraged To Apply For Massachusetts Senior Pharmacy Program

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan urges people 65 years or older who find it hard to meet the high cost of paying for prescription drugs to apply for the state's Senior Pharmacy Program.

Through the Senior Pharmacy Program, eligible elder residents may receive up to \$750 per year. There is an annual enrollment fee of \$15, which is automatically deducted from the \$750 benefit.

Senior Pharmacy Program members make co-payments of only \$3 for generic drugs and \$10 for brand name drugs.

To be eligible for this program, you:

- must be a resident of Massachusetts for the

past six months;

- must be 65 or over;
- cannot be enrolled in the Medicaid Program;
- cannot have drug coverage from a supplemental policy (Medigap or HMO plan) or any other third party payor;
- have a yearly income no higher than \$12,084 per individual.

## Agawam Officers Elected To Hampden County American Legion Auxiliary

A caucus was held at American Legion Post 275 in Chicopee Falls recently for the purpose of electing officers. Officers elected for Hampden County American Legion Auxiliary were Claire Oppel, Director; Linda Marcil, Sr. Vice Director; Mary Magiera, Jr. Vice Director; Jennifer Putnam, Chaplain; Mary Ellen Morissette, Historian; Kathy

Granger, Sgt. at Arms; Donna Dziedzic, Secretary. The Executive Committee includes Erin Fahey, Connie Crutchfield, Dolly Gates, Debra Baker, Doreen Rae, Peggy Kachon, Jackie LaRochelle, and Kristina Henson.

Mary Ellen Morissette and Kristina Henson are from Unit 185, Agawam.

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## Senate Adopts Amendments Dealing With County Issues

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Mayor Christopher Johnson, and Representative Daniel F. Keenan (D-Blandford) announced recently Senate adoption of Melconian's amendments: Hampden County land transfers to the Town of Agawam, and Commonwealth assumption of Hampden County's unfunded pension liability costs.

Senator Melconian's amendment would allow the Town of Agawam to purchase land presently owned by Hampden County for the creation of a new regional industrial park. The 145 acres of land located in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam would be available to the Town of Agawam at the full and fair market value. Agawam would be required to pay five percent of such value per annum three years after the date of transfer; the final payment to the Commonwealth shall be made within 20 years thereafter.

The Town of Agawam and the State Division of Capital Planning and Operations (DCPO) would mutually agree upon a licensed appraiser to determine the full and fair market value of the land parcels. Once the transfer is complete, Agawam would be able to pursue plans to develop the land into an industrial park.

"Including the land transfer as an outside section of the budget gives to the Town of Agawam the opportunity to move forward on economic development and to create new jobs in the Pioneer Valley. We are quickly running out of available uncontaminated land for economic development; I would not allow this valuable land right here in Agawam to slip through our fingers when it could create thousands of jobs for Western Massachusetts residents," Melconian said.

In addition, under the land transfer agreement, Agawam would have the option to buy 50 acres of land to use for any valid agricultural, horticultural, or recreational purpose. Similar to the economic development piece, the parcels of land adjacent to River Road in Agawam would be available to Agawam at full and fair market value. Under an agreement between the Town and State, Agawam would have five years to pay the agreed upon sum to the Commonwealth. This land, which once comprised the York Street Jail Farm, would remain open space.

A separate outside section of the Budget contains a provision which shifts the burden of unfunded County pension liabilities costs, for retired employees, from cities and towns of Hampden County to the Commonwealth. When the legislature passed a bill abolishing county government last summer, individual city and town regional retirement board members were left full responsibility for all unfunded pension liabilities costs. Under Melconian's provision, the Commonwealth will now assume the costs of the pension liabilities. The House also passed Representative Keenan's amendment, which differs in form but not purpose from Melconian's language.

"These two initiatives will ensure that the residents of Hampden County are positively affected by the abolition of county government," stated Keenan.

"This is great news for the Town of Agawam. If the Senate had not acted to rectify this situation, Agawam would have to assume a costly liability of \$474,108. This additional liability would have imposed a significant tax burden, and come at the cost of cutting needed services to the Town of Agawam," Melconian stated.

The Senate adopted the FY99 Budget last week. It will now be sent to a Joint House Senate Budget Conference Committee which will iron out the differences. The Agawam land transfers were not included in the House version; the pension liability in the House passed budget, but it differs from the Senate language.

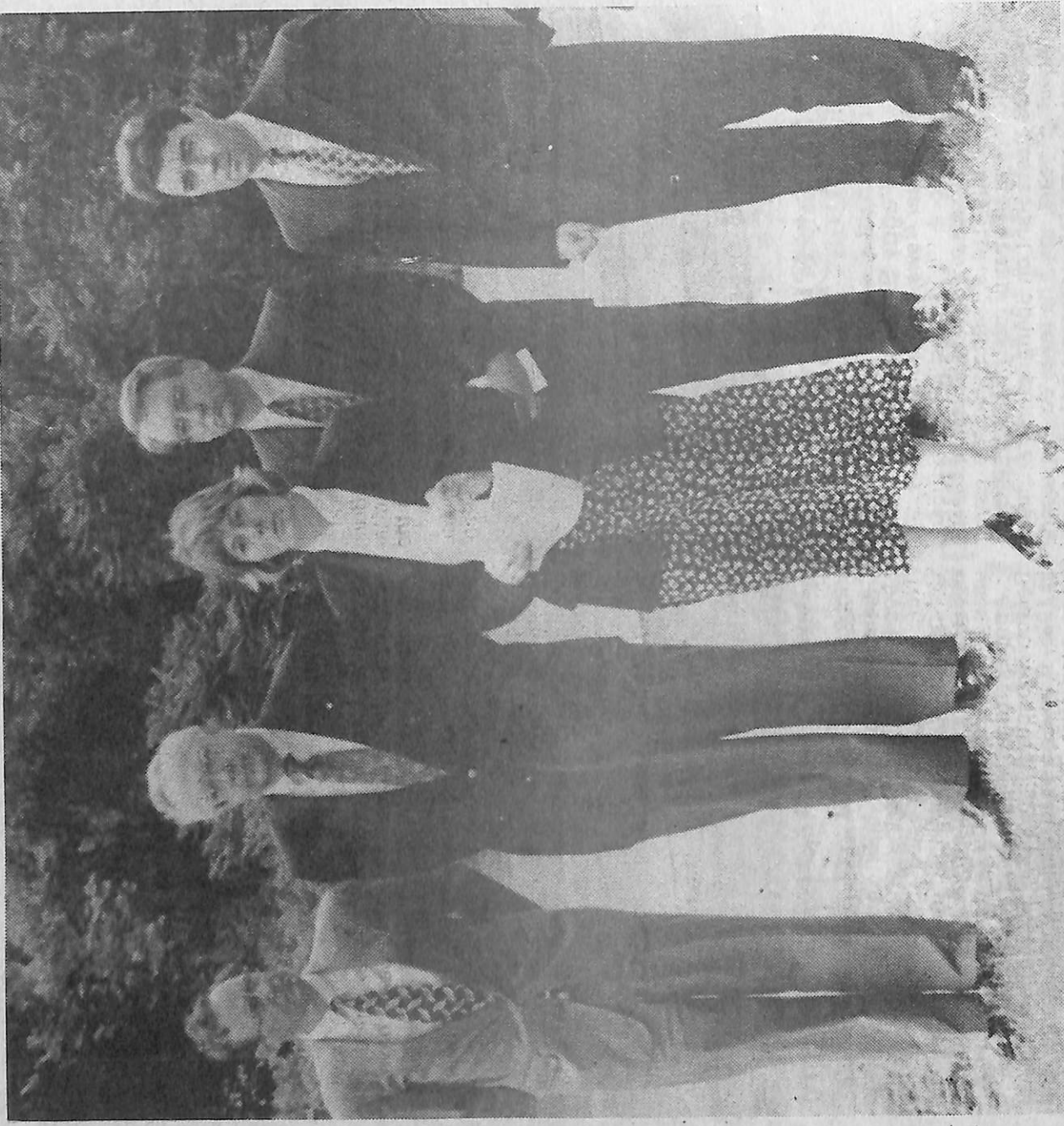
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SENATE ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER LINDA J. MELCONIAN (center) announces that the Massachusetts Senate has adopted two amendments dealing with County-oriented issues that will have a positive effect on the Town of Agawam. Looking on are Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Town Council Vice-President Robert Magovern, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson, and State Representative Daniel Keenan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

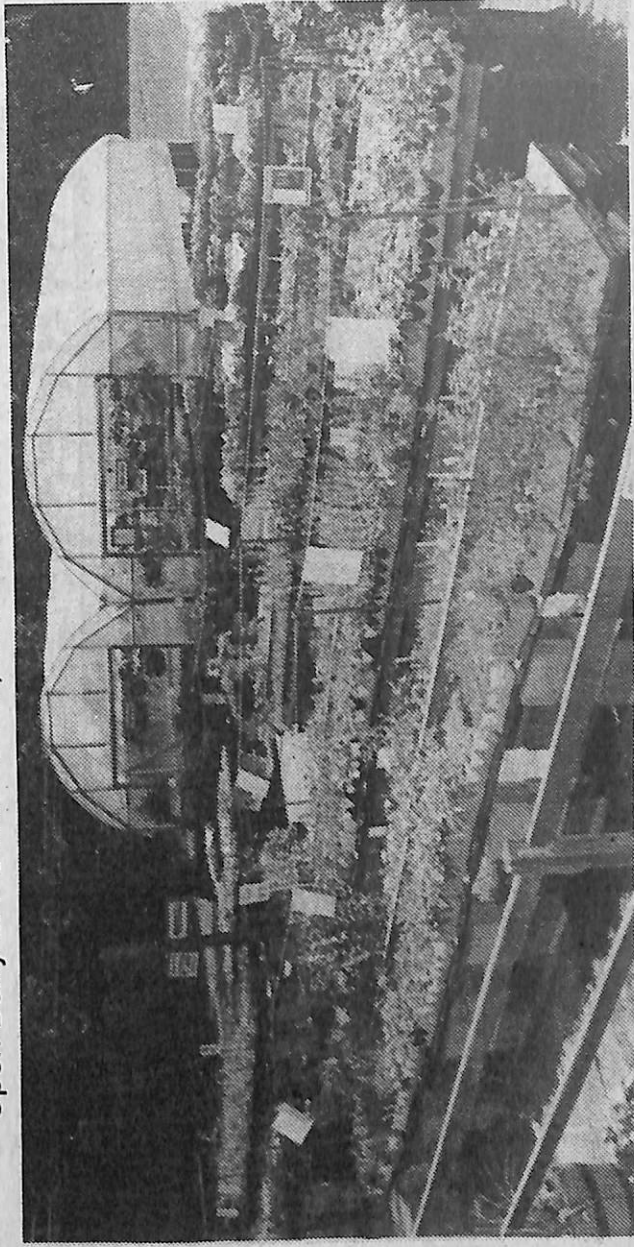


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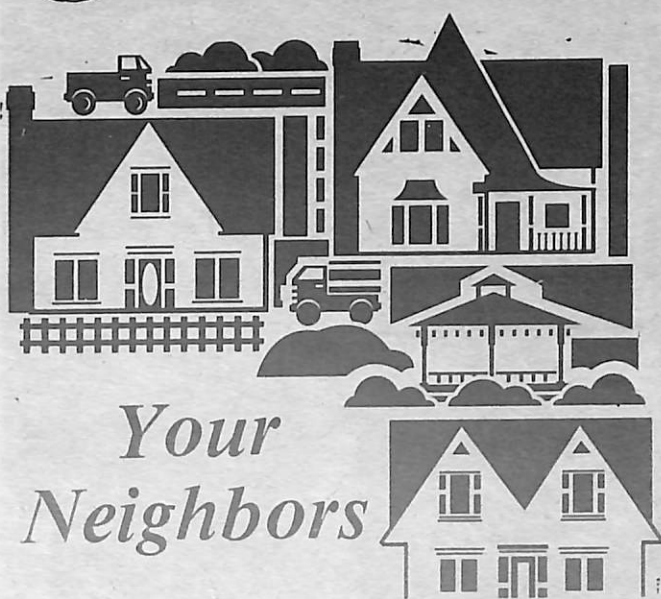
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## Families



### David MacWilliams Takes Pride In His "Classics"

by Peggy Shoemaker  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

David MacWilliams of Feeding Hills is a lover of antiques and this had a bearing on the name, decorations, and menu of his **AMERICAN CLASSICS** Restaurant on Springfield Street.

"About 20 years ago," he revealed in a recent interview, "I came into possession of an old post office safe (5x4x2 1/2 feet). In fact, it turned out to be a safe within a safe."

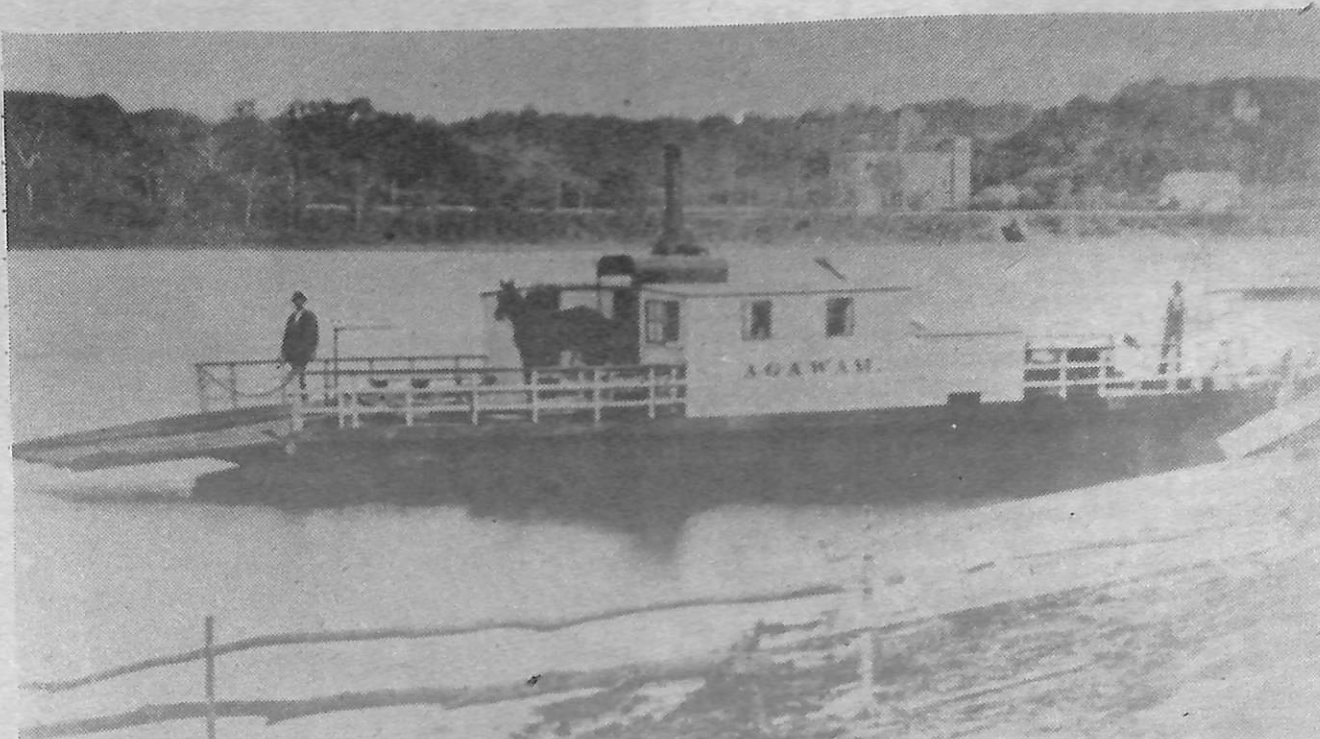
Since the safe was locked, David called a locksmith to open it. Inside was a pair of leather spats that were used by motorcyclists to protect the leg from the ankle to knee around the time of World War I, several *Life* magazines (one from Christmas 1945), and there was a framed photo of a ferry boat, which MacWilliams thinks is a copy of a much older brown-tone.

The boat has "Agawam" printed plainly on its side and was one of several ferry boats that plied the Connecticut River years ago. The "Agawam" transported people, produce, and animals from Agawam farms across the Connecticut River.

On the backing of the picture under the heading "Agawam Ferry" is written:

"In 1658 Thomas Cooper was licensed to run a ferry. In 1793, it was called Bush's Ferry. In 1868, it operated between Springfield and Agawam. In 1879, the South End Bridge was built and the ferry was abandoned." The South End Bridge is now the Julia Buxton Bridge.

The boat photo is on the wall of American



THIS PHOTO CURRENTLY ADORNS a wall at American Classics Restaurant, owned by David MacWilliams of Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Classics Restaurant. Near it is a framed map showing exactly where the ferry route crossed the river. The map was copied from a book on the Connecticut Valley published in 1879. It was loaned to David by Charles Granger. MacWilliams still uses the safe in which these items were found.

Another framed photo is of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signing the Social Security Act in 1935. It was given to David by a customer and adds interest to the restaurant wall.

Also of note is a series of four patriotic poems with a waving American flag pictured behind them. The poems were composed by Paul Provost of Springfield Street.

Among other memorabilia are old Coca Cola signs, a Norman Rockwell print, and a framed picture of Red Sox baseball great Carl Yazstremski. The latest addition to this collection is a poster advertising the 43rd Annual Feeding Hills Harvest Festival, dated Oct. 1920, and is on loan to the restaurant by Joe Dragetti.

#### Important Tradition

These items complement MacWilliams' idea of American Classics and tradition. When he was planning the restaurant three years ago, he removed the 1940-style paneling from the dining room and replaced it with wainscoting and floral wallpaper. Some of the booths were removed to make room for a counter with stools. "Almost every restaurant used to have a counter for folks who liked to be served there," he told us.



DAVID MACWILLIAMS holds a framed photo of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## MACWILLIAMS - from Page 12...

The menu reflects the theme by featuring such items as homemade hash, corned beef and cabbage, chicken pot pie, and meatloaf. Not all at once, of course.

Most of the specialty cooking is done by David's wife, Debbie, a nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, who still finds time to plan and prepare specialty items such as corn chowder, chili, etc. The menu includes many kinds of hamburgers and hot dogs. And the Friday night special is fish and chips. Many of the items are made using family recipes, such as the spaghetti sauce, which David said is unique and his father's recipe.

The MacWilliams family moved to Agawam in 1976. Their home on Cedar Knoll Drive is furnished with antiques, many of them passed down through their families.

The couple's son, Dan, is head chef at the restaurant. David said the business has grown faster than expected, serving 1,400 persons a week, 90 a week for Friday night dinner. It is closed Mondays and open for breakfast and lunch the rest of the week (on Friday night the eatery stays open for dinner).

## Women Marine Assoc. Slates Annual Picnic For June 16th

The Women Marine Association, MA 2 (Peg Parada chapter), will be holding its annual picnic at the Williams Inn in Williamstown, MA, on June 16th at 12:00 noon.

If you are a woman Marine, retired or active, or in the reserves and you would like to meet some of your women Marine sisters, please contact Rose Haynes at 786-2597.

There are many women Marines in Western Massachusetts, and your presence at the picnic would be greatly appreciated.

## Jr. Women's Club Slate "International Potluck Supper"

The Agawam Junior Women's Club will be holding an "International Potluck Supper" on Tuesday, June 16th.

The supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.



THE "AGAWAM SENIOR GAMES ATHLETES" (ASGA) held a fundraising tag/bake sale on Saturday, May 23rd, at the Agawam Senior Center. IN LEFT PHOTO: Lena Peloquin, Lorraine Fontaine, and Peggy Bentley. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Ginny Ingram, Vi Presz, and Lena Gentile. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Delegates From Hampden County Attend Annual American Legion Convention

Hampden County delegates attended the Annual American Legion Convention at the Ramada Inn, Riverdale Road, West Springfield from May 28th-June 1st.

President Mary Ellen Morissette, Kristina Henson, and Peg Brown were in attendance at meetings with Mary Ellen as the delegate.

Election of state officers was held, as well as district challenges in membership. The national presidents and department presidents had their banquets and all chairmanship reports were read, with awards and citations given out. Among them, Unit 185 received the Children & Youth - Marlboro

Miles Code. Proceeds were used for sleeping gear, etc. for Shriners Hospital burn patients; can tabs & sponsor a bear to be presented to terminally ill or very sick children with tapes included for the children to hear.

The Stamp Program has 100 percent membership. A "Cavalcade of Memories" (concerning Legion Aux, present and past) was given to Peg Brown. The Children & Youth Certificate was given to Chairman Kristina Henson.

The 10 District directors were installed Sunday morning at the Ramada Hotel with a beautiful ceremony.

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## Agawam Police Hold "Bike Safety Rodeo"...



THE AGAWAM POLICE DEPARTMENT conducted a "Bike Safety Rodeo" in the parking lot of Agawam High School on Saturday, May 23rd. IN LEFT PHOTO: Checking Dominic Serra's tires are Brian Cotton and David Axler of Axler's Bicycle Corner in Agawam. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam police officers demonstrate to the children how to properly wear bicycle helmets. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Woman & Her Dad To Run Marathon For Leukemia

Why is a 50 year-old with a paunch training to run a marathon? "That's what I keep asking myself," says Peter Daigle, an associate at the Best Western, Waterville, Maine, who is training to run in the Anchorage, Alaska Midnight Sun Marathon on June 20th.

Daigle and his daughter, Jessica, a native of Fairfield, Maine who now lives in Agawam, will be running the 26.2-mile race as part of the Leukemia Society of America's Team in Training program in honor of Alicia Lucaroni, an eight year-old leukemia patient from Pittsfield, MA. Alicia's mom describes her as an "outgoing, exuberant, joy-filled child who continues to teach us lessons every day about giving, trying, and loving. She is one of God's earthly angels. Her illness is so painful, long, and sometimes lonely. The Leukemia Society has given us much-needed support along the way."

The training program helps participants train for the ultimate running test - the marathon - while, at the same time, they are raising money for the leukemia research. Each participant will be running in honor of a leukemia patient.

Leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma will strike approximately 100,000 Americans this year and about 57,500 will die. The diseases are all cancers of the body's blood forming and immune systems; the marrow and lymph nodes. The mission of the Leukemia Society of America is to cure leukemia and its related cancers and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

A friend of Daigle's, Clayton Vigue of East Corinth, Maine was diagnosed with leukemia a few months ago and that's what led to Daigle's decision to enter and train for the marathon.

"My daughter, Jess, and I had been toying with the idea of running a marathon," says Daigle. "We had a little dare going. Each of us said, 'I'll do it if you will,' but never thinking the other would agree."

Jessica saw the Team in Training program on the Internet and the father-daughter team decided to go for it. "I will be running this race in honor of my friend, Clayton," says Daigle, "but there are several other reasons."

Daigle's father died last October and this will

be the first Father's Day in 50 years that the two will not be together. The June 20th race is held on Father's Day weekend and will be a tribute to Daigle's dad as well as a memorable opportunity to celebrate Father's Day with his own daughter.

Daigle also lost two close friends recently; one to lung cancer and one to a stroke. This run will be a celebration of their lives.

"I've got all the motivation I need to carry me through," says Peter Daigle. "The marathon is held in Anchorage, Alaska on June 20th, the longest day of the year, its time of the midnight sun. It raises money to help battle leukemia. It's a tribute to my friend, Clayton, and to my dad. And it's a wonderful opportunity for my daughter, Jess, and I to spend a Father's Day weekend that we will never forget. It's a great event to celebrate my 50th year and my daughter's 25th. There's a nice symmetry there."

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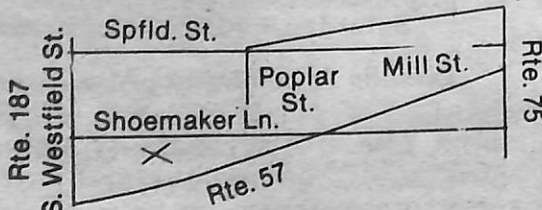
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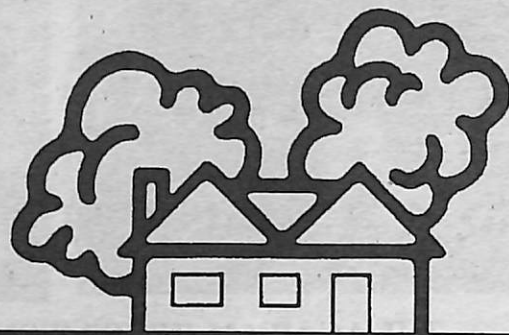
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## Scenes From Jr. Women's Club's "Fashion Show"



THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB recently held a benefit "Fashion Show" at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield. Among the models were Liz Taylor (left photo), Jen Sharpe (center photo), and Lindsay and Daniel Paul (right photo). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

### Credit Information Seminar To Be Held At Agawam Library

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### Agawam Friendly Travelers Schedule Cape Cod Canal Cruise For July 7th

The Agawam Friendly Travelers say that if you're looking for a unique adventure, treat yourself to lunch overlooking Onset Harbor and then set out for a leisurely sail on the renowned Cape Cod Canal on Tuesday, July 7th.

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After lunch, you will board the *Viking* for a trip along the Cape Cod Canal. The Canal's only cruise line departs from the charming Victorian village of Onset and moves through the tranquil

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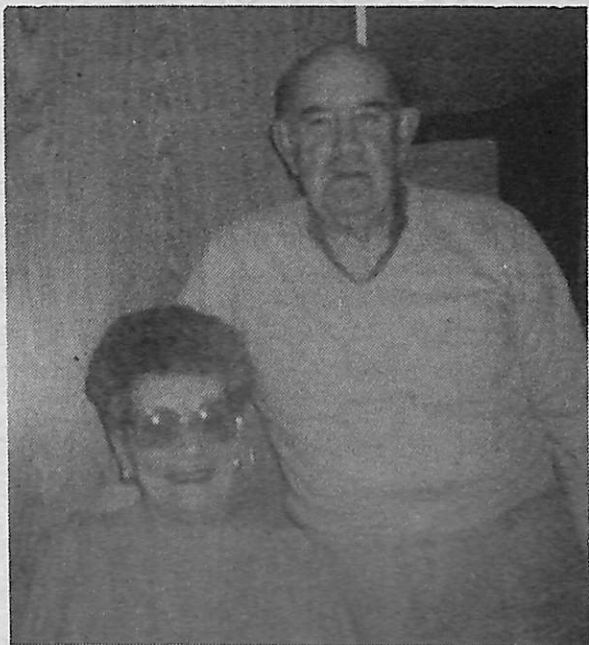
Passing under the impressive railroad and highway bridges, you join a parade of pleasure boats and large commercial vessels. A knowledgeable commentator leads you on a two-hour tour of the history and natural beauty of this fascinating waterway.

At the end of the cruise, you could choose to make a stop at the Christmas Tree Shop located at the Sagamore Bridge, or outlet shopping at the Cape Cod Factory Outlet Mall.

The cost of this one-day trip is \$47 per person, and the departure time is 9:00 a.m. from the Agawam Senior Center. The returning time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

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The future groom is a 1993 graduate of Southwick-Tolland Regional High School and a 1998 graduate of Westfield State College. He is employed by Adnet Technologies as a computer programmer.

Elaina and Robert will wed on May 1, 1999.

## Community Grange's Strawberry Supper Set For June 16th

Community Grange No. 382 will hold its 19th Annual Strawberry Supper on Tuesday, June 16th. The supper will be held at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West St. in Feeding Hills. Continuous servings will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of ham, homemade potato salad, baked beans, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream, and a choice of beverages.

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ANDREA CALLAHAN

## Andrea Callahan To Leave For Air Force

Andrea Callahan, daughter of Vincent & Brenda Callahan, will be leaving June 18th for Lackland Air Force Base, Lackland, Texas as part of the delayed entry program for the United States Air Force.

Andrea is a 1998 graduate of St. Mary's High School in Westfield.

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**Tuesday, June 16th:** Sweet and sour ribs, Oriental rice, mixed vegetables, rye bread, fortune cookie, pineapple.

**Wednesday, June 17th:** Baked chicken with gravy, green beans, breadsticks, ice cream.

**Thursday, June 18th:** Stuffed cabbage, mashed potato, corn, oat bread, apricots.

**Friday, June 19th:** "Father's Day Picnic" (\$3) — Hamburgs and hot dogs on rolls, potato salad, corn on the cob, strawberry shortcake.

## Mike Twarkins Is Now A Certified Upholstery Cleaning Technician

Longo Carpet Cleaning is pleased to announce that one of its employees, Mike Twarkins from Agawam, has successfully completed a course in upholstery cleaning through the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC) and is now a certified upholstery cleaning technician.

The IICRC is a non-profit certifying and standard-setting organization dedicated to raising industry standards through technical proficiency. By administering a strict process of certification, the IICRC provides a means by which consumers can receive the highest quality of service from trained and knowledgeable professional technicians.

Mike joins the ranks of the true professionals within the cleaning, restoration, and inspection industry. The IICRC welcomes his participation and continuing education.

## Free Admission To Storowton Village On Sat., June 27th

Storowton Village Museum will mark the official opening of its summer season on Saturday, June 27th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. by waiving its usual entrance fee for tours of its historic buildings.

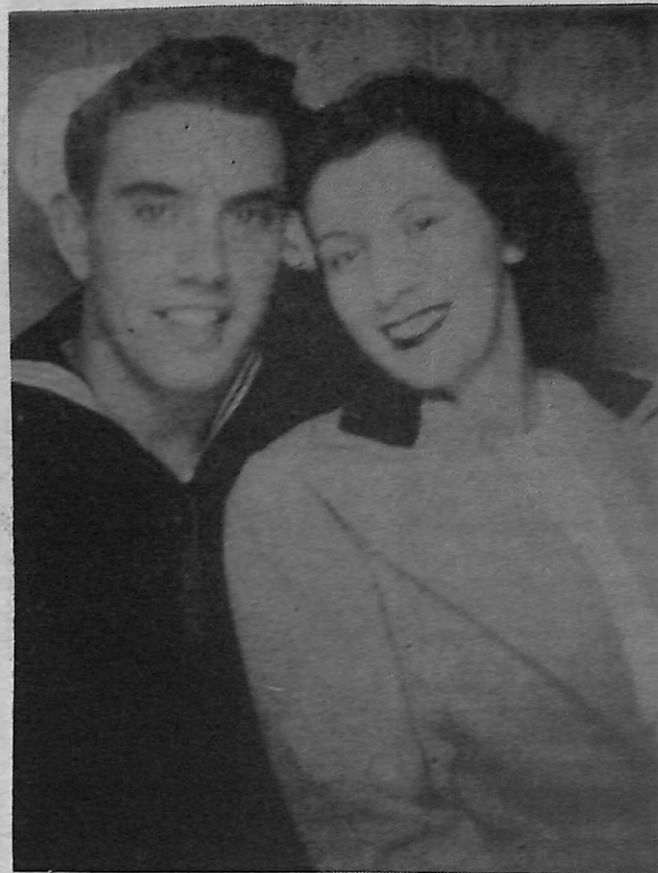
Following Opening Day, the Village will be open for tours June 29th through August 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children ages six through 16, and free for children under six. Members of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, Night on the Town, Big Y Express Club, and AAA are eligible to receive an admission discount.

This picturesque "Village," located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition, consists of a Meeting House, a School House, a Blacksmith Shop, the Eddy Law Office, the John Potter Mansion, and the Gilbert Farmhouse. All buildings are staffed by costumed docents who provide information and answer questions. A trip to the Village's newest exhibit, The General Store, located in the Potter Mansion, will evoke visions of the past when folks truly knew the meaning of "one-stop shopping."

Storowton Village Museum is an authentic, reconstructed village comprised of nine 18th and 19th century buildings from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Constructed around a town green, the Village was made possible by the efforts of the late Helen O. Storow, an outdoor enthusiast and former Eastern States Exposition trustee. At Storowton visitors have the opportunity to step back and immerse themselves in the lifestyle of days gone by.

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JIM & ANN (GRAZIANO) AMABILE

## Jim & Ann Amabile Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Jim and Ann (Graziano) Amabile of Feeding Hills celebrated their 50th anniversary this week. The couple were married on June 12, 1948 at St. Anthony's Church in Agawam.

Jim and Ann have two daughters and two grandsons.

After returning from a vacation to Cape Cod, they celebrated with a family gathering at the Monte Carlo Restaurant in West Springfield.

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# Church News



**Reflections...**  
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## To Err Is Human, To Forgive, Divine

It has been said, "To err is human, to forgive, divine." Forgiveness is the divine prerogative. It is not only God's prerogative to forgive, it is also His delight to forgive us. Psalm 86:5 says, "For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call to You."

In Psalm 103:11-12 we read, "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us." The prophet Isaiah implores us, "Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that He may have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

In Micah 7:18 we read, "Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of Your possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in showing clemency."

Some people mistakenly think that forgiveness is a New Testament concept. They think that the God of the Old Testament is vengeful and fearful. However, each of the Scriptural passages cited thus far are from the Old Testament. God has always been in the business of forgiving people. In Leviticus, the book which enunciates the Old Testament laws, it says: "When you realize your guilt in any of these, you shall confess the sin that

you have committed." Then God gives directions about restitution, graciously establishing ways for people to be restored to fellowship with Himself and/or other people. God requires us to acknowledge our wrongdoing. When we think about it, that is how people relate to each other. When somebody hurts us, our sense of being offended is not cured unless and until the offender acknowledges the wrong that he or she did. Then, and only then, is it appropriate for the offender to try to make up for the harm that was done.

There are basically three types, or targets, of sin: those we commit against others, those we commit against ourselves, and those we commit against God. The Bible has examples of each.

Perhaps the most glaring example of sin committed against others is the story of King David and Bathsheba. Sin is all over this story, including lust, adultery, treacherous betrayal, and murder. God also portrayed King David's act as theft. As terrible as King David's behavior was, God still forgave him when he confessed his sins honestly.

Jesus showed great compassion toward a woman who sins against herself were notorious; but she was sorry and truly wanted to be restored. Jesus said, "Her sins, which are many, have been forgiven."

Probably the worst kind of sin we can commit is against God. Of those, one of the more arrogant sins is to think and behave as though we either do not require forgiveness, or can somehow make restitution on our own. Neither is true. The Bible says repeatedly, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The Bible says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

God makes forgiveness possible through Jesus' death on the cross, for your sins and mine.

"On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide; thru the floodgates of God's mercy, flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above; heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love."

## Family Hour Of Prayer Slated For Sunday, June 21st

The next monthly hour of prayer and song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' monastery chapel on Sunday, June 21st, at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of evening prayer, as well as the recitation of the rosary and benediction.

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## Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 14th, is Communion Sunday at Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam). The Summer Service schedule begins on this Sunday. Worship is at 9:30 a.m.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "Bathed in Tears," taken from Text: Luke 7:36-8:3. His Children's Message will be "An Act of Kindness."

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" donations collected will be dedicated at the Worship Service during the Offering.

This Sunday also begins the Summer Church School curriculum for all church school ages. The program will be held downstairs each Sunday following the Children's Message, where there will be one class for all the children attending.

This program will run through the summer months.

Next Sunday, June 21st, is Senior Recognition Day. All graduating seniors will be honored at this service.

Also, all the men of the church will be honored following the Worship Service at the Coffee Hour held in Bryan Hall with a special dessert (sundaes). The Friendship Committee will be hosting the Coffee Hour.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is baked beans.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Eighth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament will take place this Saturday, June 13th. The shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m., and there will be several hole-in-one prizes — including a \$10,000 hole-in-one!

The player fee is \$35 (which includes green fee, cart, and meal). Call the church office, 786-7111, for reservations.

There will be a Strawberry Supper this Saturday, June 13th, at 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The menu will include ham, homemade potato salad, cole slaw, mustard, pickle relish, rolls, coffee or tea, and (of course) homemade strawberry shortcake with freshly baked biscuits and real whipped cream. Sugarless berries on your shortcake are available upon request.

Call Carol Allen, 789-0187, or the church office, 786-7111, for your reservations.

The Adult Education Classes will resume on Sunday, June 28th, at 11:00 a.m. following the Worship Service.

All are welcome to attend these classes led by Rev. Fuller.

## Summer Worship Schedule To Begin At Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 14th, begins the Summer Worship schedule at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Worship Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. and will continue through the summer. Also, this Sunday begins the Summer Church School Curriculum for all ages.

The program will be held downstairs following the Children's Message, where all church school classes will meet together.

For more information concerning the Church School Program, call the church office at 786-7111.

## Children To Conduct Valley Comm. Service

Throughout the year, the children of Valley Community Church have been busy and productive as they are taught about the Word of God and how they can apply what they learn to their lives.

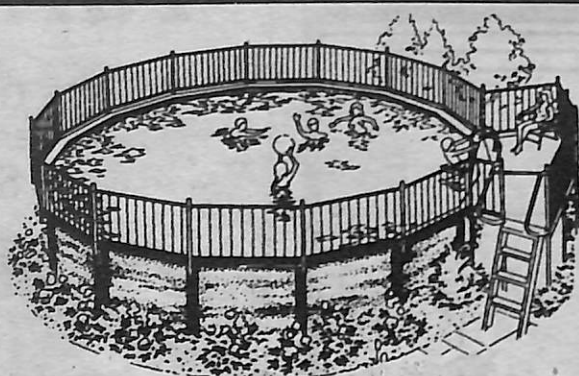
This Sunday (June 14th), they will have an opportunity to show us what they have learned as they conduct the Worship Service. Through both words and music, these children will relate the timeless love of God from Abraham through today. We invite everyone to attend this praise and worship celebration at 9:30 a.m.

Coffee and Fellowship time will be held in Dunn Hall immediately following the service to honor all our church children. All are warmly welcome to attend.

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**Church News - continued...****News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational**

You are welcome to join us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Summer worship hour begins at 9:15 a.m.

The lectionary readings for this Sunday, the second Sunday after Pentecost, are 1 Kings 21:1-10(11-14), 15-21a, Psalm 5:1-8, Galatians 2:15-21, and Luke 7:36-8:3. Sue Boisvert will be Lector.

The sermon title this week is "When What Little They Have Is Taken." Children are welcome to attend worship with their parents; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Don't forget! This Sunday, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary. If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations.

The LBS is sponsoring the annual Strawberry Supper and food sale this Saturday, June 13th from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The menu will include boiled ham, potato and egg salad, cole slaw, rolls and pickles, strawberry shortcake (of course!), and beverage.

Adults may be served at a cost of \$7; children, \$2.50. Please call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679 or Mrs. Barbara Swanson at 786-5732 for reservations.

Please note that the deadline for articles to be submitted to the church newsletter is Thursday, June 18th.

There will be another quilting social here on Saturday, June 20th from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. Even if you've not attended before, you are welcome to join in the fun.

There will be a Special Meeting of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church called by the Church Council on Sunday, June 28, 1998 immediately following worship to act upon the following:

1. To consider the feasibility of moving the driveway entrance to the north side of the church. (Tabled at a special meeting on March 29, 1998).
2. Transfer \$2,000 from the Feeding Hills Congregational Church Reserve Fund to hire a Christian Education Director.

**On the calendar:**

Thursday, June 11th: 7:00 p.m. A.A.  
 Saturday, June 13th: 5:00-7:00 p.m., Strawberry Supper  
 Sunday, June 14th: 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship  
 Monday, June 15th: 7:00 p.m., Trustees  
 Tuesday, June 16th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.  
 Wednesday, June 17th: 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed  
 Thursday, June 18th: 12:00 Noon, Newsletter deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

— Best local news —

**Chicken Supper Finale To End With Strawberries**

The last Chicken Supper (until fall) will be held on Saturday, June 13th, at Valley Community Church. This month, our menu will feature a baked half-chicken along with some wonderful seasonal surprises (including cold salads).

And rather than make everyone struggle to decide just what dessert they must choose from, this month we will make it easy for all. Our dessert ladies will place a homemade biscuit in a bowl, drown it with red, luscious, sweet strawberries, and smother it all in light, fluffy whipped cream.

Continuous servings for this "Strawberry Supper" will be available from 5:00 until 6:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling Shirley at 786-2576 or Jeff at 789-2552. The cost is still only \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

**News & Events From St. John's Parish****BIBLE CAMP**

Our annual Bible Camp for children ages four through eight will be held during the week of July 6th-10th. Camp will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at noon each day. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Please call Sr. Fran if you can help with the camp this year. We need pre-teens and teenagers as well as adult helpers. Call Sr. Frances Gloster at 786-8105.

Meeting for camp volunteers on Saturday, June 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the lower Church.

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

The Parish Council, through its Family Life Commission, is researching ways of ministering to our young parishioners. There will be a brainstorming session at the Center on Monday night, June 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in offering suggestions is welcome to attend. We would hope to bring forth a multifaceted type of program. Judy Cross will chair this meeting for the Family Life Commission.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**CCD Registration for 1998-99:** Come to the Parish Office during business hours after June 15th. All registration should be in by September 1st so the program can get off to a smooth start. Child safety has led to a new schedule for classes:

Grades 1-4: Saturday morning, 9:00-10:00 a.m. (same)

Grades 5-7: Tuesday evening, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Grades 8-10: Monday evening, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Confirmation Grade 11: Monday evenings, 7:30 p.m.

Please call Sr. Fran Gloster at 786-8105 if there are any questions or concerns.

**OVER 60 CLUB**

The next trip for the group is the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, a full-length ballet: Jewels. Lunch will be a buffet. Date: July 9th. Cost: \$57. If interested, call Barbara at 786-7037 or Lil at 786-9586.

**Free Orientation On "Weigh Down" Prog. At St. David's**

Don't be a slave to food any longer! God doesn't intend for food to control us, but sometimes we let this happen.

Join us at St. David's Episcopal Church for a FREE, no-obligation orientation on the "Weigh Down" program. Orientation will be held on June 16th at 7:30 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

This is a 12-week program and women and men are both encouraged to attend. For a registration fee, participants will receive their own manuals and audiocassettes for home study. Classes will begin July 8th at 9:00 a.m. and July 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Materials must be ordered before classes begin, so individuals must register two weeks before the first class.

For more information, please call Sharon at (860) 668-8701.

**Crafters Sought For St. Thomas's Fair**

The Women's Club of St. Thomas Church, Westfield St. (Route 20), West Springfield is accepting applications from crafters interested in participating in its sixth annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

For further information, please call 737-2166 or 737-4145.

**Strawberry Supper To Be Held June 13th At Ag. Congregational**

The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Strawberry Supper on Saturday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes ham, potato salad, coleslaw, pickles, mustard, and beverages. The dessert is strawberry shortcake with homemade biscuits, fresh strawberries, and whipped cream.

The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

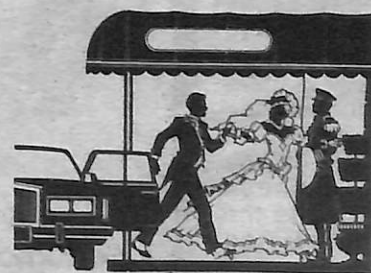
The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are recommended, but a few walk-ins will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the church office at 786-7111, or Carol Allen at 789-0187 before noon on Friday, June 12th.

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## Spotlight On Business



### Travel Talk...

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#### Millennium Vacations

Even though the turn-of-the-century is over a year-and-a-half away, people are already thinking of ways to ring in the year 2000.

On June 15, 1998, Holland America Cruise Lines will accept general bookings for its millennium cruises. The line is scheduled to have eight ships offering millennium cruises.

A \$500 deposit per person is required for anyone booking a seven-day cruise. A \$1,000 deposit is required for sailings of 10 days or longer. The following is a rundown on some of the ships and starting prices.

Keep in mind, these are cruise only rates and do not include airfare. The Westerdam is offering an 11-day sailing, fares starting at \$3,292 per person. The Veendam will sail a seven-day western Caribbean cruise with prices starting at \$2,508, and the Noordam will sail on a 14-day itinerary with fares starting at \$4,024. Altogether, the line will offer eight different sailings to make your 1999 New Year something you'll never forget.

Another destination that is already accepting reservations for a once-in-a-lifetime celebration is Opryland. The Opryland Hotel is planning an unbelievable party to ring in the new millennium. Prices are starting at \$1,999 per person for the four-night package.

Some of the other cities that are planning gala celebrations are Berlin, Las Vegas, London, Miami, New York, and Paris. Prices will be at a premium, but, hey, a celebration like this comes around only every thousand years.

If anyone has any travel related questions feel free to write me at Travel Connections, LTD, 10 Chestnut Street, West Springfield, MA 01089. At the end of my column every week, I will answer a question from one of our readers.



### COMMON SENSE

with

Raymond Rose

THE PIONEER GROUP

#### Your Attitude - Right Here... Right Now!

This week, I'd like to focus on what I believe to be one of the most important areas of life ... and that's your attitude. It affects so much of what we do during our years on earth ... yet so many of us spend little time in developing it.

I come across people every day who believe things just won't work out for them ... and that bad things will happen. I must tell you that "you'll receive in the end what you expected during the journey."

The answer to this problem is very easy ... SIMPLY EXPECT TO WIN ... AND DON'T THINK ANYTHING ELSE! You must spend time every day towards developing a positive, enthusiastic, happy, excited, and confident attitude about life.

Over the years, I have come to better understand what it takes to be a winner. In all areas of life, your "will to win" will be an important factor. The things I've learned about winning have made a tremendous difference in my life, and I'm passing them on to you in hopes that you will take some time out of your busy schedule and examine your own attitudes ... and how some minor changes can make a major difference in your life.

**LIFE WILL GIVE YOU  
WHATEVER YOU WILL ACCEPT!**

I'm a firm believer of the statement that **your life will turn out exactly as you allow it to.** Unfortunately, many others disagree with that statement ... and there lies the problem.

You must understand this basic principle: **If you accept living with hardships and problems, your life will give you hardships and problems.** And, if you accept being unhappy and miserable, life will give you that, too. It all depends on your attitude, your ex-

pectations, and your goals. If you bring things to their logical conclusion, you can understand that "if you think you can, you can ... if you think you can't, you can't ... either way, you'll always be right!"

**FOR YOUR LIFE TO IMPROVE,  
YOU MUST IMPROVE**

Think for a moment about how critical this simple statement is to your life ... **"You must expect to succeed!"** The type of success that you will have in your years ahead depends on your outlook. Before you can have any meaningful success, you must develop an attitude or expectation of success.

Think about how that statement applies to you ... and then think about successful people that you know (successful is defined in many ways ... a successful parent, successful in their occupation, successful with their goals [weight loss/smoking, etc.], successful with their hobbies, successful with friendships, etc.).

You see, your own personal expectations are more important than what anyone else thinks about you. Why? Because, people live up to their own expectations of themselves. Learn to see yourself as free, happy, and successful. If you're convinced, it will happen ... **IT WILL HAPPEN!**

Please realize that life will give you whatever you demand, sacrifice, and work for. Many people are negative thinkers because they have been conditioned to think that way ... and these negative thoughts are stronger than their will to win.

#### NO EXCUSES!

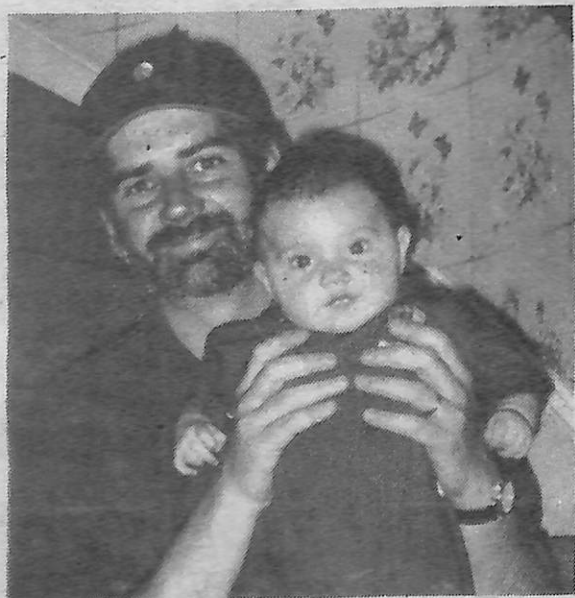
Most people always have a convenient excuse why not to act. "I don't have any money ... I don't have the time ... I'll do it tomorrow ... People like me don't have a chance ... I can't change after all these years," and more.

You must clearly understand that excuses don't count. You can take control of your life right now. The decisions may be tough ... but you have the ability to put a plan together that will lead to happiness ... and you can do it!

SEE RAY ROSE - Page 22...

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If you're thinking of buying an older home, it may pay to hire a professional home inspector.

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If possible, consider accompanying the inspector — you may find out details that may not appear on the report and pick up some useful repair tips.

Another advantage of hiring an inspector: it may be easier to negotiate a price on the home if you have a professional opinion of the home's condition.

**For more information on buying a home, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.**

**RAY ROSE - from Page 21...**

I've found that there's one common denominator among successful people. They all possess a "winning attitude." They have the ability to stay motivated and achieve their goals, no matter what happens along the way.

**BECOME A DREAMER**

If you believe that you do not have a winning attitude, how can you develop one? Well, if you want to be a "winner," you've got to become a "dreamer."

You see, most people in America have stopped dreaming because they have been "programmed" to believe things that are just not true (those of you that know me personally hear me say this every day of my life ... being "programmed/conditioned" is a serious problem). Thus, to be a winner, you must be a dreamer, a big dreamer.

You must keep yourself excited, confident, and high on life, along with having strong beliefs. It must be developed and earned through hard work and persistence ... it's not something you can go to school for.

Remember, you have a choice ... you can be happy or sad ... it's your decision! Your attitude is "the difference." Victory will go to those fortunate few who possess and carry with them the spirit of a winner!

**IT'S YOUR MOVE!**

Well, you now have a good understanding of what makes me tick. Am I average and ordinary? ... ABSOLUTELY NOT. Am I always happy? ... yes, I am ... ask anyone who knows me. I've done my best to take control of my life.

I hope, in some way, I have helped you to dream again. I also hope I have provided you with the motivation to make some changes in your life. Prepare for success today. Do it right ... and do it right now!

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Special thanks to Paula for providing me with the thoughts and inspiration to write this week's article.

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**Legal  
Memo**

by

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Miranda Warning Not Required  
For Alphabet Test**

A defendant was charged in the Superior Court with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor, fifth offense (M.G.L. c. 90, Section 24(1)(a)(1)).

He filed a motion to suppress the results of field sobriety tests that had been administered to him. He argued, among other issues, that requiring him to take the tests violated his privileges against self-incrimination as secured by the 50th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The judge denied the motion to suppress with respect to evidence of the defendant's performance on the heel-to-toe and the one-legged standing tests, but he allowed the motion with respect to evidence of the defendant's performance on the alphabet recitation test.

On the night in question, the police officer observed an automobile driven erratically by the defendant, make a left turn in a jerking manner. The police officer stopped the automobile and asked the defendant to show his license and registration. The police officer detected a strong odor of alcohol, and noticed that the defendant's eyes were bloodshot.

After having him step from the car, the police officer asked the defendant to perform field sobriety tests. The defendant was not advised he could refuse to take the tests. The defendant was not able to perform the heel-to-toe test, staggering to the right on the first step. The defendant then failed the one-legged standing test.

Finally, when asked to recite the alphabet, the defendant could not complete the test, and his attempt to do so was marked by slurred speech. The police officer then placed the defendant under ar-

rest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

The judge ruled that the defendant was in custody at the time of the field sobriety tests were given and that, in the judge's words, the defendant was being interrogated when he was asked to perform the field sobriety tests. Based on these conclusions, the judge ruled that the evidence of the defendant's performance in the heel-to-toe and leg-standing tests was admissible because these tests involved real or physical evidence that did not implicate either the Fifth Amendment or article 12. However, the judge ruled that evidence of the results of the alphabet recitation test was testimonial, implicated both privileges, and had to be suppressed.

On appeal, the judge held that the ruling that the defendant was in custody during the investigation for purposes of the Fifth Amendment is wrong. A defendant's custody and the defendant's need for *Miranda* warnings are questions solely of federal Constitutional law. The United States Supreme Court has expressly held that a motorist who is temporarily detained after being stopped on suspicion of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor is not held in custody, and, as a result, the investigating police officer is not required to furnish *Miranda* warnings to the motorist before administering field sobriety tests.

Further, the Court held that the recitation of the alphabet from A to Z is an exercise which, when utilized as a field sobriety test with a suspect asked to perform the test in his or her own language, is not subject to the privilege contained in article 12. The fact that a motorist must use his or her voice to perform the test does not necessarily make the response testimonial any more so than would the giving of a voice exemplar.

In a roadside drunk driving inquiry by a police officer, the recitation determines only whether the motorist's memory is impaired and whether the motorist has sufficient mental coordination to perform a rudimentary psychological exercise. In this respect, the test is directed at the reflexive functioning of the motorist's mental processes, and it provides a basis for ascertaining the extent to which those processes may be affected by the motorist's consumption of alcohol.

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**Karen Charbonneau Of Stearns & Yerrall  
Earns "Master Salesperson" Designation**

Mary Leahey, president of Stearns & Yerrall, Inc. Realtors, is pleased to announce that Karen Charbonneau, a top producing sales associate with the Stearns & Yerrall Agawam sales office, recently completed Floyd Wickman's Master Sales Academy in Atlantic City where she earned the designation of "Master Salesperson," and became a member of the Master Sales Society.

Charbonneau was joined by over 700 elite agents from all over the country and Canada. In fact, Charbonneau was the only real estate associate from the Greater Springfield area to attend.

"The Academy is considered by many as the most advanced sales training program available to real estate agents today," Charbonneau said. "I

strongly believe that education is the key to service," states Charbonneau. "The more knowledge that I have to work with, the better prepared I am to meet my clients' needs."

Charbonneau began her real estate career in 1994 and quickly established herself as one of the area's top producers, according to president Mary Leahey. "With her wealth of knowledge and experience, she is a tremendous asset to our company."

Charbonneau is also an active member of the Women's Partnership and the West Springfield Rotary. She currently resides in West Springfield.

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# For Your Health



## Your Back And Your Health

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## The Truth About Real Health

Most patients that I see often confuse real health with the absence of symptoms. Health has nothing to do with how you feel, your temperature, or whether other symptoms are present.

Many of those who die of heart attacks, cancer, or dozens of other health problems suffer ill health long before their first symptom. A state of "dis-ease" usually exists long before the first signs of a problem.

Real health allows us to adapt to the environment, cooling us when we're hot, fighting a virus, healing a cut, digesting our food, and millions of other vital functions.

When there is interference to the complex controlling responsibility of the nerve system, improper function is the result. This state of improper coordination, if allowed to exist long enough, causes ill health, sickness, and disease. Finally, the individual is alerted by the appearance of symptoms. He or she then attempts to restore health to their body, often by consuming varieties of medications.

The chiropractic approach to real health is to locate the interference to the nerve system and remove it. A common insult to our nerve systems is improper function in the spinal column.

Segments of the spine often lose motion, choke, or irritate the spinal cord or nerve roots. Locating these interferences is the primary role of your Doctor of Chiropractic.

Correction of this cause often allows a return to proper function and renewed health. My hope is that seeking proper chiropractic care has not been delayed so long that deterioration has progressed beyond limitations of physical matter, making correction difficult or impossible!

Real health is not how you feel, it's how you function!

Those patients interested in a natural approach to health may call the Schlaffer Chiropractic Office located at 192 Shoemaker Lane in Agawam. Telephone 789-1369 or 789-1073.

## Alliance For The Mentally Ill Supports Insurance Parity Bill

The Board of Directors of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Massachusetts (AMI-WM) have unanimously voted to strongly endorse passage of the Mental Health Insurance Parity Bill, S-2165, which passed unanimously in the Senate and now awaits action in the House of Representatives.

The Alliance urges the Massachusetts Legislature to join the rest of the New England states in passing this bill and to put an end to the stigmatization and discrimination of persons with mental illness that have historically determined their private insurance benefits.

The Agawam branch of the AMI-WM holds meetings on the last Monday of the month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam. For more information on this support group and/or the Mental Health Insurance Parity Bill, call (413) 786-9139 (for local calls) or 1-800-295-2121 (for toll calls in Western Massachusetts only).

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## Fitness Tips...

## Fit Kids

by Carmela A. Kirk, RN  
Fitness Consultant, Fitness First

How important is physical fitness to our kids? Should parents be aware of their child's level of fitness? Should kids be taught the importance of maintaining an active lifestyle?

According to some recent statistics issued by the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, only 32 percent of six to 17 year-olds meet the minimum standards for cardiovascular fitness. Forty percent of kids five through eight show at least one risk factor for heart disease! This is the bad news.

I think, or hope, everyone will agree kid fitness is very important. Lifestyles, habits, and activity levels begin at a very young age. If children start off active, chances are they will maintain this activity into adulthood. Encouraging this activity is the key. Parents need to get involved and promote an active lifestyle. Walking, biking, hiking, playing outdoors, yard work, these are all activities that can be done as a family and not only bring the family closer but promote a fit and healthy lifestyle.

Anyone with children knows it is not easy to get or keep them involved for long. This is why it is so important to start young and make it fun. Lessening the emphasis on fitness may make it more fun for the kids. Turn it into a good time. Even if you don't have too much time to spend throwing the ball around, for the time that you're there, pretend you have plenty of time, enjoy it, relax, and focus on quality instead of quantity. They need to see this is real and important to you and a necessary part of a healthy, strong life.

Although the statistics show our kids are not measuring up, there is plenty we can do. Remember what we do, how we act, our behavior has the most powerful impact on our children, even if we think they aren't paying attention. Participating in the activities with the kids makes it much easier for them to get involved. Walk with them to their practices. Give positive reinforcement often. Experts have proven that emphasizing the positive makes it easier for children to then accept criticism, thereby making it easier to continue on through more difficult times.

There are a lot of books and tapes encouraging children's fitness and offering some great advice for different age levels. One that I consult frequently is called "Kid Fitness." See if the kids want to take a walk to the library, I bet you could find a lot of information on this subject.

## Free Smoking Cessation Program At Providence Hosp.

Providence Hospital is introducing a free smoking cessation program for those interested in kicking the habit.

The program is open to the community and includes individual counseling, group support meetings, cessation groups, educational and motivational programs, and a free one-week supply of nicotine patches or nicotine gum. Funded through a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Tobacco Control Project, the program is available on the Mercy Hospital and Providence Hospital campuses, and can also be brought to other sites, including community and corporate locations.

Heading up the new effort is Joseph Gorey, who comes to Providence Hospital, part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare, with an extensive background in tobacco control programs, most recently with Athol Memorial Hospital and Stop Smoking Clinics, Inc.

According to Gorey, approximately 25 percent of Americans smoke, and an estimated 3,000 children become addicted to tobacco each day. He also says that people who have tried to quit before and failed shouldn't be discouraged.

For more information, call (413) 535-1000 or (413) 493-2039 to leave a message.

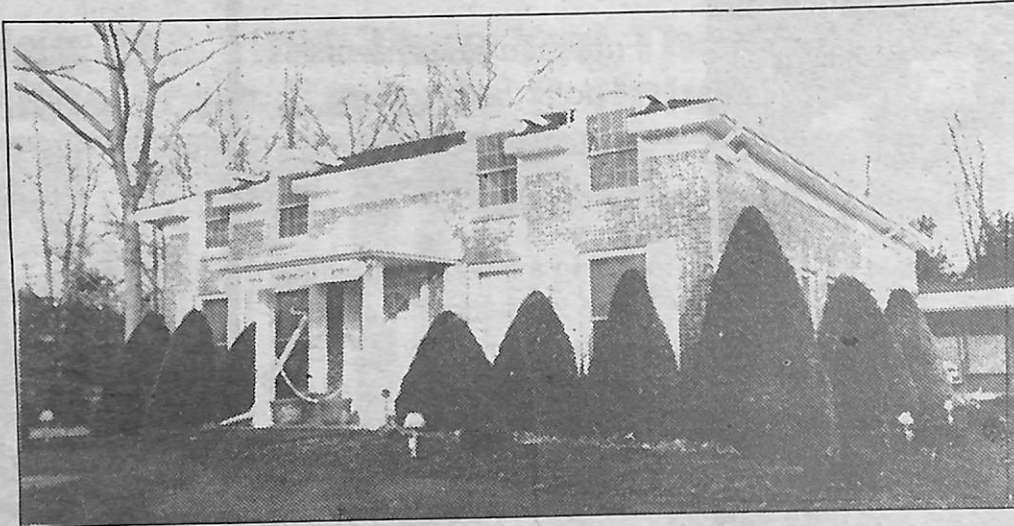
## Mercy Hospital Has Exercise Classes For Expectant Mothers

Expectant mothers can maintain or improve their physical fitness through exercise classes sponsored by the Family Life Center for Maternity at Mercy Hospital. Sessions meet Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, 299 Carew St.

Led by professionals trained in prenatal exercise, the classes focus on gentle stretching and strengthening exercises for areas of the body most affected by pregnancy, including the muscles of the lower back, abdomen, and pelvic floor. The program is fun, providing both a workout and fellowship for women who have completed their first trimester.

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## For Your Health - continued...



## Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell  
Registered Dietician

### Four Simple Steps To Food Safety...

Right now, there may be an invisible enemy ready to strike. He's called BAC (bacteria) and he can make you and those you care about sick.

In fact, even though you can't see BAC — or smell him, or feel him — he and millions more like him may have already invaded the food you eat.

But you have the power to *Fight BAC* and to keep your food safe from harmful bacteria. It's as easy as following these four simple steps:

#### Clean: Wash Hands And Surfaces Often

Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen and get onto cutting boards, utensils, sponges, and countertops. Here's how to *Fight BAC*:

- Wash your hands with hot soapy water before handling food and after using the bathroom, changing diapers, and handling pets.

- Wash your cutting boards, dishes, utensils, and countertops with hot soapy water after preparing each food item and before you go on to the next food.

- Use plastic or other non-porous cutting boards. These boards should be run through the dishwasher — or washed in hot soapy water — after use.

- Consider using paper towels to clean up kitchen surfaces. If you use cloth towels, wash them often in the hot cycle of your washing machine.

#### Separate: Don't Cross-Contaminate

Cross-contamination is the scientific word for how bacteria can be spread from one food product to another. This is especially true when handling raw meat, poultry, and seafood, so keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.

Here's how to *Fight BAC*:

- Separate raw meat, poultry, and seafood from other foods in your grocery shopping cart and in your refrigerator.

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### Our Questionnaire On Pain...

This past spring at our office, we experienced an unusually high number of patients with neck and shoulder pain. In trying to assess why this was happening, we developed a questionnaire to be completed by the patients.

The questions included: how long has the pain been there, which side is it on, what caused the pain initially, where exactly is the pain located, what makes the pain better or worse, what are you unable to do, and other related questions.

There were eight patients, all women ranging in age from 43 to 79 years of age. The length of time the patient experienced the pain varied from two weeks to 10 years.

The cause of pain was varied: one due to a fall, one job related, the rest a gradual onset of pain. The location of pain was mostly in the neck and shoulder, half on the right side, half on the left.

Most of the women stated the pain felt sore, dull and achy, half experienced constant pain, the others claiming occasional pain. Five of the eight women stated the pain was worse in the evening and better in the morning.

### Cancer Support Group Meets At Mercy Hosp.

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. Meetings are conducted Mondays, 7:00 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center, and are free of charge.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients and provides an

opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Activities that increased the pain included: housework, looking up. Those activities that decreased the pain were rest and taking Advil.

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The patients stated they were not unable to do things. Two women had recently increased their activities with spring cleaning.

For two women, work had changed, one to longer hours, one to increased workload. Two stated they talked with the telephone between the shoulder and ear.

Five carried their purses on the left shoulder, two on the right, one in her hand. Two stated they had experienced a previous injury to the region.

When asked about the age of their mattress, it varied from three to 20 years. Most used one pillow, and all slept on their sides. None had experienced any increased stress.

All of these questions were helpful in trying to find the *cause* of the true problem. There appeared to be no common cause of the problem for all eight women.

But all experienced pain due to muscle spasm, joints not functioning properly, and nerve irritation. When asked whether chiropractic care helped, seven stated yes and commented they were better, one experienced no change. Six out of the eight were doing their prescribed exercises.

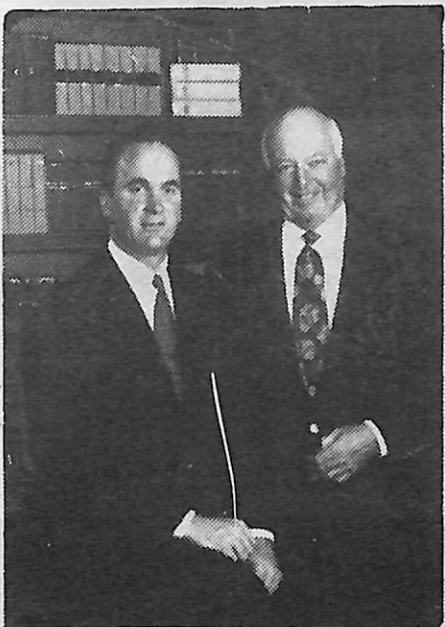
Getting to the cause of problems is what chiropractors do. By getting to the root, we correct the problem.

If you are experiencing discomfort, try chiropractic. Seven out of eight were glad they did!

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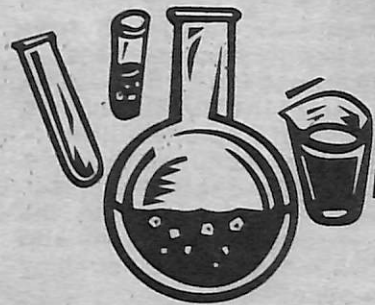
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- If possible, use a different cutting board for raw meat products.

- Always wash hands, cutting boards, dishes, and utensils with hot soapy water after they come in contact with raw meat, poultry, and seafood.

- Never place cooked food on a plate which previously held raw meat, poultry, and seafood.

**Cook: Cook To Proper Temperatures**

Food safety experts agree that foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness.

The best way to *Fight BAC* is to:

- Use a clean thermometer, which measures the internal temperature of cooked foods, to make sure meat, poultry, casseroles, and other foods are cooked all the way through.

- Cook roasts and steaks to at least 145°F. Whole poultry should be cooked to 180°F for doneness.

- Cook ground beef, where bacteria can spread during processing, to at least 160°F. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) link eating undercooked, pink ground beef with a higher risk of illness. If a thermometer is not available, do not eat ground beef that is still pink inside.

- Cook eggs until the yolk and white are firm. Don't use recipes in which eggs remain raw or only partially cooked.

- Fish should be opaque and flake easily with a fork.

- When cooking in a microwave oven, make sure there are no cold spots in food where bacteria can survive. For best results, cover food, stir, and rotate for even cooking. If there is no turntable, rotate the dish by hand once or twice during cooking.

- Bring sauces, soups, and gravy to a boil when reheating. Heat other leftovers thoroughly to at least 165°F.

**Chill: Refrigerate Promptly**

Refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperatures keep harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying.

So, set your refrigerator no higher than 40°F and the freezer unit at 0°F. Check these temperatures occasionally with an appliance thermometer.

Then, *Fight BAC* by following these steps:

- Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared foods, and leftovers within two hours or sooner.

- Never defrost food at room temperature. Thaw food in the refrigerator, under cold running water, or in the microwave. Marinate foods in the refrigerator.

- Divide large amounts of leftovers into small, shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator.

- Don't pack the refrigerator. Cool air must circulate to keep food safe.

Nancy Dell, MS, is a registered dietitian in private practice in Feeding Hills and the media representative for the Massachusetts Dietetic Association.

**Isn't it nifty?  
Now she's fifty!  
Happy 50th  
Janet**



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## Support Groups, Courses, And Programs Available At Noble Hospital In Westfield

**SUPPORT GROUPS**

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

**Stroke Support Group:** Wednesday, June 24th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topic will be "Dietary Choices After A Stroke." Recipes and nutritional information will be shared, and the meeting will be facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, MSW, LICSW.

**Diabetes Support Group:** Tuesday, June 23rd, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Jane F. Martone, DDS, MAGD, will speak to the group about dental hygiene and the diabetes patient.

**Crohn's and Colitis:** Tuesday, June 16th, 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to individuals suffering from Crohn's or Colitis and their support persons.

This meeting will be open for discussion and information sharing.

**COURSES/PROGRAMS:**

**Smoking Cessation - "Forgetting Cigarettes":** Mondays, June 15th and June 22nd, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

This two-part program utilizes hypnosis to eliminate your desires for smoking and allow you to forget cigarettes forever. Presented by Joe Barako, R.N. and Certified Hypnotherapist.

The registration fee is \$40 and is paid the evening of the first session. Seating is limited, and pre-registration is required.

To pre-register or for more information, call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery:** Tuesday, June 16th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries, and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Pre-registration is required.

For free registration, call Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**CPR Course:** Wednesdays, June 17th and 24th, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In Noble Hospital's Education Department (Ground Floor).

This two-part course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$45.

To register or obtain more information, call the Noble Hospital Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5914.

**Free Athletic Injury Clinic:** Thursday, June 18th. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

This clinic is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

## Substance Abuse Support For Parents

Providence Hospital offers a weekly support group for parents of children with drug or alcohol abuse problems. The group meets Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the hospital, 1233 Main Street.

The meetings provide an opportunity for parents whose children are currently involved with substance abuse, or have been in the past, to share ideas on how to deal with the problem. There is no charge for the sessions.

The substance abuse services of Providence Hospital are part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare. For information on the support group, call Karen Walsh Pio, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., Director, Outpatient Counseling Services; or Bob Pisani, M.S., Coordinator, Adolescent Intensive Day Treatment Services, (413) 402-2022.

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## Agawam's Summer Concert Series Announces Schedule

The Agawam Cultural Council and the Rotary Club of Agawam will present the annual Summer Concert Series at Veterans' Park/Phelps School.

All concerts will be on Wednesdays and will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the green (in case of rain, they will be presented in the auditorium). All concerts, as well as three Saturday night movies, are free.

Our 1998 concert series is dedicated to the memory of Joanne Condon, who served as chairman of the Agawam Cultural Council for several years. Mrs. Condon devoted much time and effort to the encouragement of the arts for the people of Agawam. She actively supported all the Cultural Council projects.

Working with a budget of approximately \$12,000, both organizations have worked cooperatively to plan a very varied program of musical styles for the enjoyment of the concertgoers. Also, there will be three movie nights for adults and children to enjoy.

All events are being funded by the Agawam Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Agawam Rotary Club, and various corporate sponsors.

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The Rotary Club has been responsible for the booklet listing all the events, and these will be available at concerts, the Town Hall, and the Agawam Public Library.

Opening the series on July 1st will be **Richie Mitnick** and his group. Other concerts will be presented by **Brass Attack** (music of the 70's and 80's) on July 8th; the **Pioneer Valley Concert Band** on July 15th; country singer **Erica Wheeler** on July 22nd; and the **New England Jazz Octet** on July 29th.

In August, there will be a special Saturday performance by the **Kevin So Band** (folk music) at 7:00 p.m., followed by a movie at dusk on August 1st. Then, on Wednesday evenings throughout the month, the calendar goes as follows: **Salamander Crossing** (bluegrass music) on August 5th; the **Shea Swing Orchestra** on August 12th; **5 O'Clock Shadow** (contemporary music a cappella) on August 19th; and the **Dave Loy Song Jazz Quintet** (contemporary jazz) on August 26th.

Also, three Saturday night movies will be shown outdoors on a large screen, and the movies will be **"Babe the Gallant Pig"** on July 25th; **"Men in Black"** on August 1st; and **"Grease"** on August 8th. Movies will begin at dusk.

A new sign listing all events has been placed on the green at Veterans' Park so that citizens will be able to see the dates, times, and programs. Further information may be obtained by calling 789-7393.

The Cultural Council and the Rotary Club hope that the events will be well-attended. Any comments from concertgoers would be appreciated along with some suggestions for next year's series.

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The musical performers from "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," will entertain at a fundraising concert on June 19th from 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the Grand Ballroom at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the ongoing renovation of the Majestic Theater, the performance site of The Theatre Project, which presented "Buddy" for 65 sold-out performances, a longevity record in the Pioneer Valley.

The concert will be sponsored by Teddy Bear Pools and Spas, News40, WNNZ, and The Sheraton Springfield. There will be dancing and contests, as well as a cash bar and appetizers. The 1956 classic Corvette convertible that The Theatre Project is raffling off will be on display in the lobby of the Sheraton that evening.

A \$20 donation includes admission and, if submitted before the day of the show, validated parking at the Sheraton, Marriott, and I-91 parking lots. Call the box office at the Majestic Theater at (413) 747-7797 to make a donation or for additional information.

## "The Golden Goose" At Red Door Theatre...



**PARSON NIP** (Scott Belisle of Agawam) hushes **Mrs. Snatchit** (Marcy Secora of Southwick) as she attempts to steal the golden goose from **Dunderhead** (Tim Eberle of Westfield) in STAGE's Teen Ensemble Theatre production of "The Golden Goose," adapted for the stage by Lyle Pearsons of Suffield. The audience-participation play for young audiences will run for two performances only on Saturday, June 13th, at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Tickets are \$4 each; call 789-2026 for reservations.

## Westfield Theatre Group Announces Auditions For "Acting Out Youth Troupe"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club is holding auditions for its Acting Out Youth Troupe.

The show to be cast is "Cinderella: The Truth," which was written by Kathi Palmer. She will direct the show, accompanied by Shelley Haber as musical director.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 24th and 25th starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court St.

There are parts available for ages 10 to 16, with some leads and some chorus members. Anyone auditioning should be prepared to read from the script and sing a short number provided at auditions.

Rehearsals will begin in early July and the show will be performed Friday and Saturday, September 11th and 12th.

If you have any questions, please contact the theatre group at 572-6838.

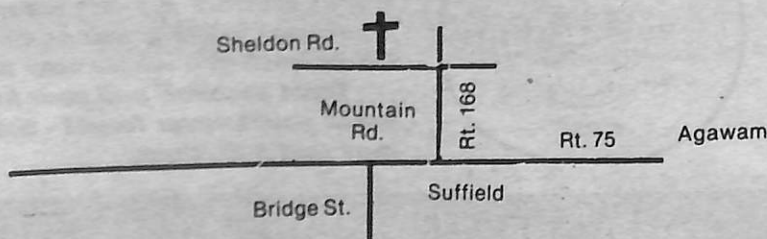
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## Education

### Suggested Summer Reading List Compiled By Dept. Of Ed.'s "Curriculum Frameworks"

The Agawam school system's teachers, administrators, and School Committee members would like to share with you a summer reading list that was compiled from the Massachusetts Department of Education's CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS.

Research confirms that the highest achieving classroom students are those who watch the least amount of television and who read books frequently. Unlike books, which require the reader to ponder, imagine, analyze, and question, television programs invite no active response from the viewer. Additionally, questions and answers derived from television programs are often superficial and require little reflection.

When a child is encouraged to read either fiction or nonfiction books, a habit of inquiry is developed. Also, summer reading will help your child to internalize several of the skills he or she has learned in school.

Our public library offers many wonderful programs to students and contains books written by the suggested authors noted on this list. Please take advantage of this wonderful resource and encourage your child to read this summer!

*A Suggested List of Authors, Illustrators, or Works Reflecting Our Common Literacy and Cultural Heritage*

#### PreK-2: For reading, listening, and viewing

Mother Goose nursery rhymes; Aesop's fables; Rudyard Kipling's Just So Stories; selected Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen fairy tales; selected French fairy tales.

*The Bible as literature:* Tales including Jonah and the whale, Daniel and the lion's den, Noah and the Ark, Moses and the Burning Bush, the story of Ruth, David and Goliath.

### Jr. High PTO Elects Officers For 1998-1999

Elections for PTO officers and parent representatives to the School Improvement Council for the 1998-99 school year were recently held at the May meeting of the Agawam Junior High School PTO.

PTO officers include: President, *Sue Hamlett*; 1st Vice-President, *Leslie Young*; 2nd Vice-President, *Mary Lee Bertrand*; Treasurer, *Deb Sekula*; and Secretary, *Paula Figella*.

Elected for two-year terms to the School Improvement Council are *Mary Stepanian*, *Deb Roda*, *Virginia Ventulett*, and *Deb Sekula*.

The last meeting of the PTO for this year will be held on Monday, June 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High School cafeteria. Change of officers will take place at that time.

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*At least one work or selection from each of the following picture book authors and illustrators:* Ludwig Bemelmans; Margaret Wise Brown; Virginia Lee Burton; Randolph Caldecott; Edgar Parin and Ingri E'Aulaire; William Pene du Bois; Wanda Gág; Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss); Kate Greenaway; Crockett Johnson; Robert Lawson; Munro Leaf; Robert McCloskey; A.A. Milne; William Nicholson; Maud and Miska Petersham; Alice and Martin Provensen; Beatrix Potter, H.A. and Margaret Rey; Maurice Sendak.

*At least one poem by each of the following poets:* John Ciardi; Rachel Field; David McCord; A.A. Milne; Laura Richards.

#### Suggested Lists of Contemporary American Literature & World Literature

**PreK-2:** Arnold Adoff; Aliki, Mitsumasa Anno; Edward Ardizzone; Molly Bang; John Burningham; Raymond Briggs; Marc Brown; Marcia Brown; Margaret Wise Brown; Eve Bunting; Ashley Bryan; Eric Carle; Lucille Clifton; Barbara Cooney; Donald Crews; Tomie DePaola; Leo and Diane Dillon; Tom Feelings; Gail Gibbons; Eloise Greenfield; Ann Grifalconi; Helen Griffith; Donald Hall; Florence Heide; Russell and Lillian Hoban; Tana Hoban; Shirley Hughes; Thacher Hurd; Trina Schart Hyman; Ezra Jack Keats.

Steven Kellogg; Leo Lionni; Arnold Lobel; Gerald McDermott; Patricia McKissack; Bill Martin; James Marshall; Else Holmelund Minarik; Robert Munsch; Jerry Pinkney; Jack Prelutsky; Faith Ringgold; Glen Rounds; Cynthia Rylant; Allen Say; Marcia Sewall; Marjorie Sharmat; Peter Spier; William Steig; John Steptoe; Tomi Ungerer; Chris Van Allsburg; Jean van Leeuwen; Judith Viorst; Rosemary Wells; Shigeo Watanabe; Brian Wildsmith; Vera Williams; Ed Young; Margot and Harve Zemach; Charlotte Zolotow.

### Eighth Grade Open House Scheduled For Monday, June 15th

Eighth grade students and their parents/guardians are invited to attend an informal and informative open house at Agawam High School.

The open house will be held in the AHS cafeteria on Monday evening, June 15th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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### Will It Hurt???



MARIA TIRONE of Agawam High School is about to receive a vaccination from nurses Kathleen Hallaman and Marilyn Rivers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

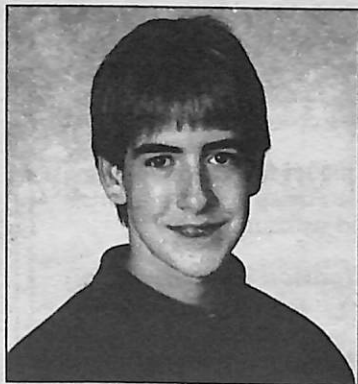
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LENGTH OF PROGRAM: 4 weeks - 36 hours (except Physical Education - 18 hours).

TIME AND DAYS: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (July 6th through July 31st); Tuesday and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (July 7th through July 30th).

REGISTRATION FEE: \$85 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION DATES: June 17th through July 3rd, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Agawam High School - Guidance Office.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL. Payment due with Registration Form. (Registration Forms are available at Agawam High School - Guidance Office.) Mail Registration Form and check to "Agawam High School - Summer School, Attn.: Mr. Alan Cohen, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001."

CANCELLATION: The Summer School Director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. NO REFUND AFTER FIRST CLASS HAS MET or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than two classes. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Avoid tardiness and dismissals.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one own's guidance department before registration.

NOTE: ALL summer school classes will be held at Agawam Junior High School, 1335 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

### COURSE OFFERINGS FOR THE AGAWAM SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

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7th Grade English; 8th Grade English; 9th Grade English; 10th Grade English; 11th Grade English; 12th Grade English; Spanish I/II; Intro To Computers; Intro To Health.

**Tuesday and Thursday**

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, July 7th-30th

Government/Geography/Civics; World History; U.S. History; 7th Grade Math; 8th Grade Math; Pre-Algebra; Algebra I; Algebra II; Geometry; General Science; Biology; Chemistry; Physical Education (this course meets only two hours per day - 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.)

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, June 15th:** Steamed frankfort in roll, oven potato puffs with catsup, seasoned green beans, fruit cup, milk.

**Tuesday, June 16th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets with honey, steamed rice, seasoned carrots, rosy applesauce, cherry jello with topping, milk.

**Wednesday, June 17th:** Meatball sandwich with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned mixed vegetables, apple crisp, milk.

**Thursday, June 18th:** Deli-sliced turkey breast sandwich with lettuce and tomato, cinnamon applesauce, chocolate brownie, milk.

**Friday, June 19th:** Fluffernutter sandwich, oven potato puffs with catsup, seasoned vegetables, dessert, milk.

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## 'Family Nights' At Agawam Middle School



"FAMILY NIGHTS" for fifth and sixth graders were held at Agawam Middle School on June 3rd and 4th, respectively. The bands from each grade provided entertainment, and both evenings were "topped off" by ice cream sundaes and refreshments served by the PTO. IN TOP PHOTO: Brad Martin, Andrew King, and Courtney Barbieri. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN LEFT PHOTO: Chris McKenney on the trumpet. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Noelle Serafino, Brandon Serafino, and Russell Linder apply their favorite toppings to their sundaes. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Agawam Junior High's Paul Quinn Is Honored By Junior Achievement

At its annual meeting on June 9th at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Junior Achievement honored an outstanding educator and volunteer partnership.

Don Prisby from Milton Bradley and Paul Quinn from Agawam Junior High School have been going that extra mile to bring the JA experience to the students for six years. Giving up lunch hours, putting in extra hours at school, and extending the required program time, their partnership is an extraordinary example of what can happen when given the effort.

JA also reached a milestone, as nearly 12,000 students participated this school year, making this the largest program in history. Over 100 schools, 500 teachers, and 500 volunteers teamed to teach young people practical business/economics.

Junior Achievement is the largest, fastest-growing, non-profit economic education organization in the world. Through partnerships with the business and education communities, Junior Achievement currently reaches over 2.3 million elementary, middle, and high school students in the United States and in over 80 countries around the world.

## Locals Inducted Into Torch Society At Suffield Academy

On Friday, May 29th, Suffield Academy held the annual induction ceremony in Tisch Auditorium to welcome new members of the Torch Society.

Each spring, the current members of this honorary society elect as new members those students who in some way have made a special contribution to the spirit, life, or sense of community of the school.

One of the oldest forms of recognition at Suffield, the Torch Society is the primary means by which students recognize each other's contributions.

The following area students were inducted into Suffield Academy's Torch Society:

**Jeffrey Beaudette**, a junior, son of Daniel and Patricia Beaudette of Agawam, and **Elizabeth Cowan**, a sophomore, and **Sarah Cowan**, a junior, daughters of Leonard and Hallie Cowan of Agawam.

Founded in 1833, Suffield Academy is an independent, co-educational college preparatory school in Suffield, Connecticut.

## Jr. High Announces Dismissal Procedure For Last Day Of School

Agawam Junior High School Principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that the school will observe the following "Last Day of School Dismissal Procedure" in an attempt to dissuade some unsafe practices that have occurred in the past.

Consequently, dismissal procedures for the last day of school on June 22nd will be as follows:

- All students who normally ride a bus home will be dismissed from their homerooms when their bus arrives at school.

- If you are a bus rider, **you must ride your normal bus home.** Bus riders will not be allowed to walk home with friends.

- Students who will be picked-up and drive home by parents/guardians must have a written note from their parent/guardian.

- Walkers will be dismissed, in intervals, after all busses have departed.

- **Dismissal will be at 11:15 a.m.**

Mr. Littlefield thanks parents/guardians in advance for their cooperation and understanding regarding this matter.

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LYNN CARRA

## Lynn Carra Inducted Into Honor Societies At Westfield State

Lynn Carra, daughter of Richard and Jeanne Carra of Agawam, has recently been inducted into *Kappa Delta Pi*, the International Honor Society in Education, and *Psi Chi*, the National Honor Society in Psychology.

She has a double major in Early Childhood Education and Psychology.

Lynn attends Westfield State College, where she was just named to the Dean's List for the 1998 spring semester.



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Fourteen Cadette Girl Scouts from Troop 556 in Agawam have earned their Silver Award and will be honored at a ceremony being held at the Colosseum Banquet House in West Springfield on Sunday, June 14th.

This is the second highest award that the girls can achieve and has taken them two years to complete the work involved. The work involves showing leadership qualities, community involvement, being able to work as a team, and ultimately reaching a goal.

I am proud to say that all these girls have shown these qualities and I am sure are, and will continue to be, an asset to the communities in which they live.

Congratulations to **Rebekah Adams, Taryn Albano, Kathleen Demetron, Michelle Depelteau, Caira Dominguez, Hilary Golas, Nicole Jensen, Laura Keller, Megan Landry, Jacqueline LeGrand, Daveen Macsata, Christine McGavin, Kathleen Waters, and Lucy Young.**

Our sincere thanks are extended to Agawam Family Cinemas and Agawam Congregational Church for the use of their facilities, which enabled a trip to the cinema and a fashion show fundraiser to be held.

The proceeds from these two events have enabled the girls to purchase an item from the Battered Women's Shelter's wish list. The third fundraiser was run through the Girl Scout Troops in Agawam and will benefit the MSPCA. Our thanks to the girls who supported this by doing chores.

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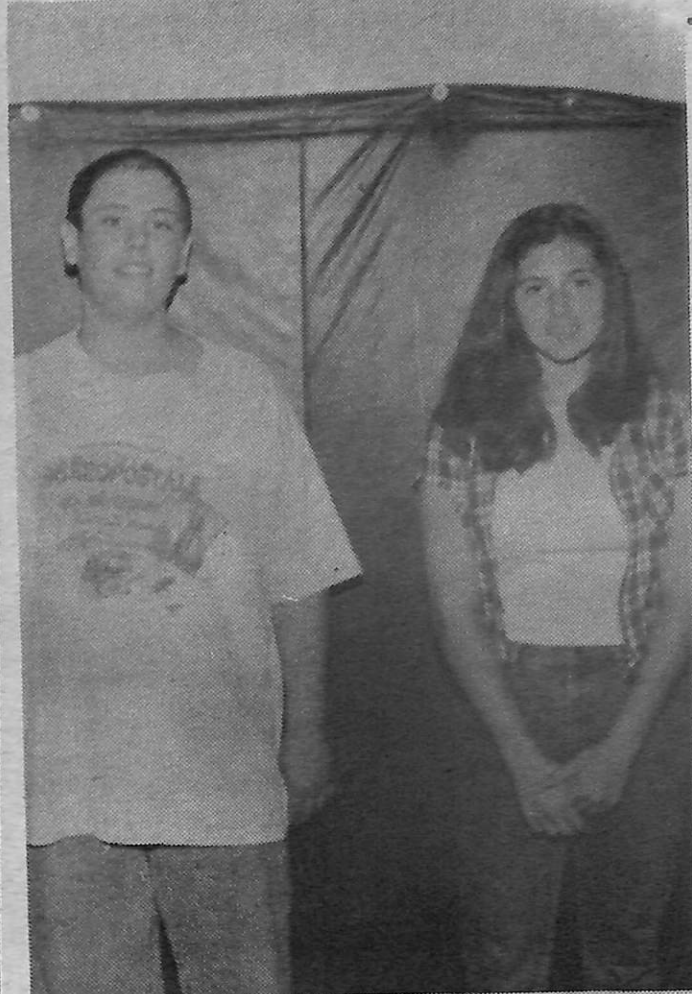
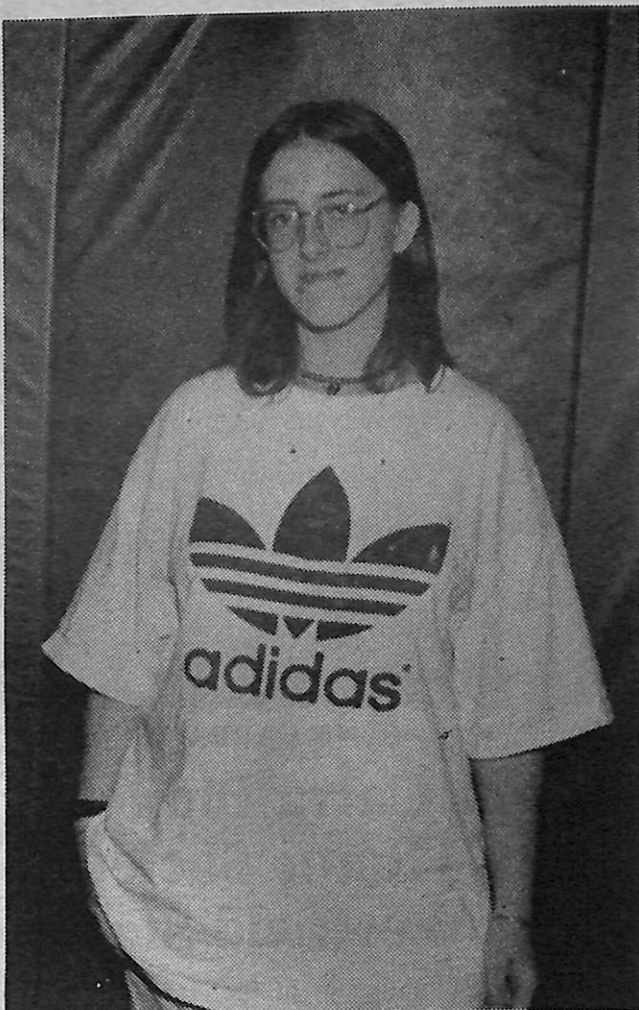
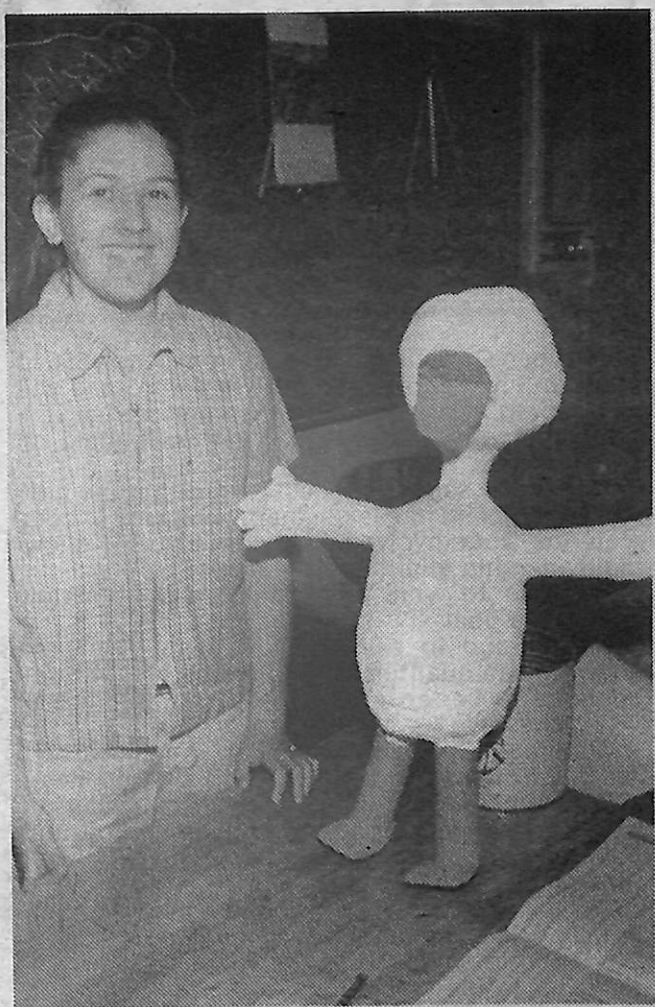
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## Congratulations To Agawam Jr. High Students...



IN LEFT AND CENTER PHOTOS: Jamie Borkosky and Renate Klueh, "Art Students of the Month" at Agawam Junior High School. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Joe Kocot and Rachel Caruso, "Physical Education Students of the Month" at the Junior High. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Things Are "Hatching" At St. Thomas School...



THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS of Kathleen Labun and the second grade class of Christine Vieceili at St. Thomas the Apostle School in West Springfield recently conducted a project in which they had to "take care of" white leghorn chicken eggs. There were 18 eggs in each incubator, the eggs had to be turned three times per day, and the temperature of each incubator had to remain at 100° at all times. The eggs take 21 days to hatch, and the chicks were due around June 4th. IN LEFT PHOTO: Mrs. Labun with Agawam students Kelly Murphy (kindergarten), Andrew Cayer (kindergarten), and Joseph Labun (grade two). IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam students Anthony Massoia (grade two), Matina Geanopoulos (grade two), Sarah Savoia (grade two), Tricia Chase (grade two), and Mrs. Labun. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## John A. Davison Is On Clarkson Dean's List

John A. Davison, a junior computer science major, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 1998 semester at Clarkson University.

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Davison is the son of Ms. Anna Davison of Feeding Hills.

## Agawam And Feeding Hills Students Named To Dean's List At Holyoke Comm. College

The Holyoke Community College Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Anthony Pellegrino, has named the following Agawam-area students to the Dean's List for the 1998 spring semester.

Full-time students named to the Dean's List have completed at least 12 semester hours of courses and achieved at least a 3.2 grade point average.

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### Full-time students from Agawam:

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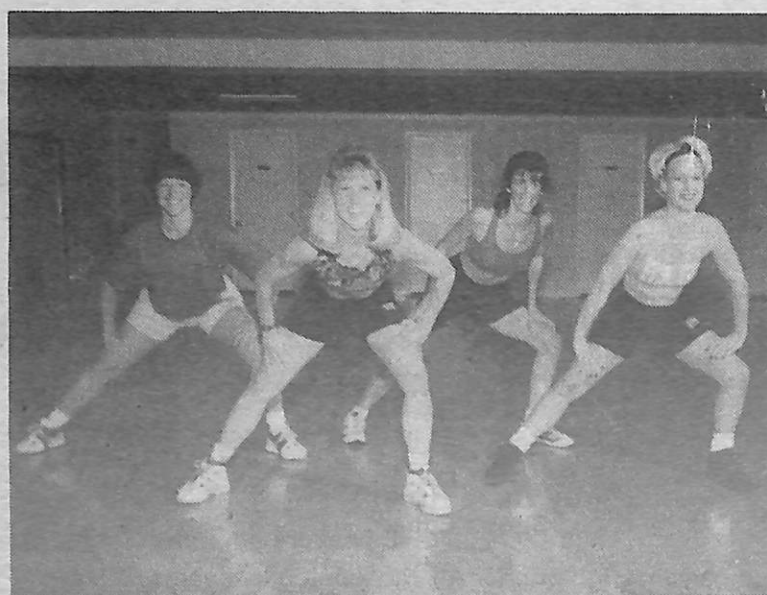
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## Sports

*Brownies Seek 3rd Div. Title In Four Years...  
West Side No-Hit; Cathedral 2-Hit...*

# AHS Girls Ride Jakobek's Arm Back To WMass Championship Game

## Brownies Defeat West Side In 5-0 No-Hitter

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High pitcher Ali Jakobek only seems to get better.

Last Friday afternoon, she added to her season-high points (15 strikeouts earlier in the year vs Longmeadow, a two-hitter against West Springfield, and a one-hitter at Westfield) with the highest point of all - a no-hit, 5-0 win over West Side in Western Mass. Quarterfinal Tournament action. Except for three walks, it would have been a perfect game. The win raised her record to 9-3 and put AHS into the Division I Semifinals against Cathedral (see related story).

Coach Debbie Lickley noted later that she wasn't sure the junior had her best stuff. But the kid who wasn't penciled in as the number one starter at the beginning of the season showed she had the right stuff by completely shutting down a tough opponent in a playoff game.

The Terrier fans on hand, and there were many, seemed to be counting on the odds in this one. "Well, they've already beaten us 2-1 twice this year, so there's a good chance we can win this time around." Veteran Coach Deke Pillsbury smiled thinly. His hopeful take on the situation was skating on thin ice, however.

Save for a walk, the Terriers went quietly in the top of the first. Agawam, up against a decent pitcher in her own right, junior Shawndy Sutherland, went in order to end the first.

It was more of the same for both clubs in the second. Jakobek got two groundouts to second where junior Kornelia Moysis had an outstanding game (five assists, two putouts, plus a double and two runs batted in). A strikeout was sandwiched between those two plays to end the Terrier top of the third.

### Brownies Strike Big

The Brownies struck big in the bottom of that inning. Rightfielder Jen Lyman led-off the inning with a double to left. Freshman Amanda Merola's bunt sacrificed Lyman to third. There were two outs when Kristen Patterson stalked to the plate. The 1997 Division I Player of the Year, playing the last home game of her brilliant career, gave the home folks a charge when she put a charge into the ball. The line shot to left translated into a two-run homer.

Agawam wasn't quite finished, however. Steph Fleming drilled a safety to right-center. Sophomore catcher Dianna DiStefano then tripled (her first of two) to right-center, scoring Fleming. That 3-0 advantage was more than enough for the win. But who knew it at that time?

Jakobek struck out the side to open the fourth. With one out in the bottom of the inning, Amy Mastroianni drilled a single off Sutherland's glove. Lyman then singled up the middle. A passed ball saw runners on second and third and Moysis at the dish. Her line-shot double down the leftfield scored two more. Agawam went into the fifth leading 5-0.

If the Terriers had anything resembling a last gasp, it came in the top of the seventh. After retiring 16 batters in a row, Jakobek walked Sarah Baker to start the inning. After a pop-out and another walk, a Patterson-to-Moysis force at second saw the second out. A ground ball to the sure-handed Amber Conte at third ended the game.

**BROWNIE STATS:** Patterson: 1-3 (HR), 2 rbi, 1 rs; Fleming: 1-3 (2b), 1 rs; DiStefano: 2-3 (two 3b), 1 rbi; Conte: 0-3; Gendron: 0-3; Mastroianni: 2-3, 1 rs; Lyman: 2-3, 2rs; Merola: 0-2; Moysis: 1-2 (2b), 2 rbi. **PITCHING:** Jakobek (w): 6 IP; 0 R; 0 ER; 7 SO; 3 W; 0.00 ERA.

West Springfield: 0 R; 0 H; 1 E; 3 LOB; Agawam: 5 R; 6 ER; 0 SO; 3 W.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Besides Patterson, the game also marked the final home appearances for seniors Amber Conte, Steph Fleming, Vanessa Galluzzo, Shauna Hadden, and Amy Mastroianni.

## Cathedral Turns "Purple" Thanks To Agawam's 4-0 Semifinal Softball Victory

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Cathedral Purple Panthers got a lesson in "tournament tough" Tuesday night up at Chicopee's Szot Park. They were about to meet Agawam High in the semifinals of the Western Mass. Softball Tournament.

Earlier in the year, they fell to the Brownies, 9-3. Convinced lightning couldn't strike twice, they were ready for an upset. The only upset we could see when it was over appeared to be on the faces of the seventh-seeded Panthers, who fell to third-seeded Agawam, 4-0. That win propelled the Brownies (17-3) into the finals for the fourth year in a row. The locals were Western Mass. champs in 1995 and 1996 before being dethroned by Pittsfield last June.

Ali Jakobek was again in the circle. The junior, while not as dominating as she was in her previous outing (a 5-0, no-hit job over West Side in the quarterfinals), had all the right stuff with a two-hit, three-strikeout effort to improve her record to 10-3.

"I was really nervous when the game started. I'd never pitched at Szot Park before. It was under the lights and there were a lot of fans," she smiled.

Jakobek, who (in her last three games now)

has pitched 21 shutout innings and allowed only three hits, cut those nerves off at the knees as this one progressed.

The Panthers, designated as the visitors, went down in order to open the game. Agawam managed its first run in the bottom of the inning. With one down, senior centerfielder Steph Fleming laced one up the middle. A wild pitch sent her to second. Catcher Dianna DiStefano pulled a single to left which saw Fleming standing on third.

Amber Conte, showing the savvy gained with four years' experience on the varsity, laid down a perfect bunt with Fleming racing for home. The squeeze worked. It was 1-0, Brownies, going into the second inning.

Cathedral went in order again. Their demise this time around was highlighted by a full-speed running catch by Fleming, in traffic, on a wounded blooper which was sinking fast into shallow center.

Agawam's second run was set up by a leg job single to short by leftfielder Amy Mastroianni, who beat the throw. There were Brownies on first

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and second with two down when senior Kristen Patterson stepped in. She whacked a double into the short left-center gap. Mastroianni came home for Agawam's second run.

Trailing 2-0 in the third, the Panthers mounted a small threat. They had runners on first and second with one out. Catcher Sarah Beaudry attempted to lay down a sac bunt. Jakobek pounced on it, wheeled, and threw to third, nailing the lead runner. It was a heads-up, gutsy play that took much of the threat away.

The next Panther grounded one to short. Patterson, on the move to her left, scooped it up and stepped on second, retiring the side. Agawam went down in the third as well, by virtue of a pretty 1-6-3 twin killing by the Cathedral defense.

**Jakobek Was Back On Track In The Fourth...**

Jakobek, back on track in the fourth after her third-inning semi-scare, got the Panthers in order. Agawam went back to work when it was its turn. Mastroianni doubled to left-center. An expert sac bunt by Jen Lyman sent her to third. There were two outs when Kornelia Moysis kissed a ball just over the Panther pitcher's head. Shortstop Mel Mucha had a play, but the ball bounced off her glove. Mastroianni came home for her second score of the evening and Agawam's third run of the game.

Agawam got on the board again in the fifth. Conte grounded a two-out ball to second and reached on an error. Freshman Jill Gendron then doubled to right-center. Conte came around the horn to close out the scoring.

The Cathedral sixth saw a rare play produced by the Agawam infield. The Panthers, seeing no light at the end of the tunnel, were playing for a score to break up the shutout. They had runners on first and third with one out. Katie Leydon hit a slow roller to Conte at third.

Conte, knowing she had time to make the play at first, took a look at third, where the runner was hovering off the bag with a notion for home plate. Conte's glare froze her like a deer in a spotlight. The All-Western Mass. selection turned and threw to first while the runner at third took off for home. The batter was out, then Gendron (from first base) pegged to the plate, where DiStefano took it and nailed the runner in what was an expertly executed 5-3-2 double play.

That victory means Agawam will face the winner of Wednesday's other Division I semifinal game (at presstime): top-seeded Wahconah of Dalton or number-five Taconic of Pittsfield.

"We got timely hits in this game and played with a lot of intensity as well," Patterson noted.

Jakobek, after it was over, had this to offer when asked where her confidence level stood at this point in the season on a scale of one to 10; she smiled and said, "Somewhere between an eight and a nine."

**BROWNIE STATS:** Patterson, 1-2 (2b), 1 rbi; Fleming, 2-2, 1 rs; DiStefano, 2-3; Conte, 1-3, 1 rbi, 1 rs; Galluzzo, 1-3 (2b), 1 rbi; Mastroianni, 2-3 (2b), 2 rs; Lyman, 0-2; Merola, 0-2; Rescigno, 0-1; Moysis, 1-3, 1 rbi.

**PITCHING:** Jakobek (w), 7 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 H, 3 SO, 2 W, .000 ERA.

**Cathedral:** 0 R, 2 H, 2 E, 4 LOB; Agawam: 4 R, 9 H, 2 E, 4 LOB.

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**IN TOP PHOTO:** Sophomore catcher Diana DiStefano is at the top of her game as the Brownies head into the Division I championship game for the fourth straight year. **IN PHOTO BELOW:** Senior centerfielder Steph Fleming is another reason why the Brownies are back in the playoffs. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.



## Brownie Girls' Tennis Bitten By Lions In WMass First Round

At the recently held Western Massachusetts Team Tournament, the Agawam High School girls' tennis team fell to Ludlow High School, 1-4.

In first singles action, **Maureen Dimock** of AHS faced Devyn Blais of Ludlow, 6-7 (1-7), 2-6.

Mary Wolochowicz, the Brownies' coach, said, "Maureen fought hard in the first set and finally lost to Devyn in a tie-breaker. Devyn then got the momentum going her way. Making few mistakes, Devyn proceeded to take apart Maureen's game."

**Kaitlin White**, in the second singles position, lost a hard-fought match to Jennifer Genovevo, 1-6, 6-2, 2-6.

"This match had its definite ups and downs," stated Wolochowicz. "Jennifer got off to a great start and won the first set. Kaitlin then got shots going her way and easily won the second set. After fighting to get back in the match, Kaitlin lost her confidence again and was beat in the third set."

The third singles contest saw Agawam's lone victory of the tournament, with **Janice Balicki** defeating Melissa Santos, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2.

"If you wanted drama, this was the place to be on Saturday (May 30th)," said the coach. "Not only did Kaitlin have her ups and downs, but Janice did also. Janice won her first set and, as usual, the points went on forever. During the second set, Melissa tried and succeeded in upsetting Janice's momentum. Janice composed herself in the third set and, with extra determination, easily won the third set. We were extremely proud of her."

In the first doubles match, AHS's **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** bowed to their competitors from Ludlow, 4-6, 2-6.

Coach Wolochowicz said, "As tense as the singles matches were, the doubles were exciting and fun to watch. Courtney and Seema both played well and played some terrific points. When you can come off the court and feel good about the match, it has been a good day."

The final event of the day, the second doubles contest, saw another win for Ludlow as Jessica Vital and Michelle Zina were victorious over the Brownies' **Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales**, 1-6, 4-6.

"Andrea and Wendy played the best they played all year. They were so excited after they finished their match, I thought I had messed up the score," said the coach, adding, "The improvement of both doubles teams this year was unbelievable. That improvement has made this a very successful season."

Following the tournament, Wolochowicz reflected on the girls' 1998 season and admitted that she was unexpectedly pleased with the results.

"Our overall record this year was 8-7. We qualified for the tournament by tying for second in our league. With only two starters back from last year, I didn't expect to have a winning record or to qualify for the tournament. Both results were pleasant surprises."

She continued, "Next year, we again will return only two starters, Kaitlin (White) and Andrea (Cizek), so it will again be a building year. Hopefully, kids will play over the summer or go to a clinic or take a few lessons and be prepared to play on both the girls' and boys' teams next year. Great season, girls and boys!"

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## Quiet & Confident Lindy Gage Becomes Prime-Time Player For AHS Lacrosse

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Lindy Gage is one of the reasons the Agawam High girls' lacrosse team has enjoyed success for the past three seasons. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about her days at AHS.

Lindy is 17. She'll turn 18 on September 22nd. She has spent four years at the High School. Her curriculum this past semester included AP English, AP biology, fifth-year Spanish, and the yearbook, where she was the advertising editor. Her favorite course was English. "I like writing and reading," she said. Lindy was a member of the National Honor Society for two years. She was also a Renaissance student, which meant carrying a better than 85 average throughout the school year. She was also a member of Quill and Scroll, a club for students interested in journalism. Her favorite teacher was Richard Joseph in AP biology.

Lindy, who applied to eight institutions of higher learning and was accepted by six, will attend Hobart & William Smith College in Geneva, New York. She plans to major in Spanish with an eye towards elementary education.

Her sole sport as a Brownie was lacrosse, playing it for four years. She is thinking of pursuing it in college. Hobart & William Smith is a Division III school which, according to Lindy, has a good lacrosse program.

Her most memorable sports moment was being named to the All-Western Mass. girls' lacrosse team last season as a junior. Part of her selection had to do with tabulating 20 goals and 20 assists.

Her take on the just-completed 1998 season: "It was a good one. We worked well as a team and our passing game was exciting," she smiled. She had this to say about the Lexington High game, where the Brownies lost in the first round to the



LINDY GAGE

Eastern Mass power: "They were aggressive. But there are schools around here who play the same way and we've beaten them."

## More Medals For Tim Daggett's Gymnasts At Junior Olympic Championships

Jamey Houle of Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics flew home from the Junior Olympic National Gymnastics Championships held in Battle Creek, Michigan, with a little extra weight in his suitcase, thanks to the Gold Medal he won for the all-around title in the Class Two Elite, 14-15 age group.

Jamey finished with a 54.725 to earn the title of "National Champion." Teammate and Longmeadow High School classmate Pat McFarlin placed 11th in the meet with a first place on vault (9.475).

In Class One Junior Elite, Westfield's Darren Morace placed fourth with a 53.375. Agawam's Matt Perry also competed on the National level and had an all-around score of 45.15.

Jamey, Patrick, and Darren all qualified for the USA Championships to be held in August and televised by NBC, with commentary by Coach Tim Daggett.

In the Class Three, 12-13 age group, West Side's Steve Gaudette's fifth-place finish (51.0) placed him on the National Team. Steve will represent

Her favorite food is cheese ravioli.

Green is her favorite color.

A nice new Lexus or Jeep Cherokee are tops in wheels for her.

She has no favorite team or athlete, but does like to water ski whenever she can. Maybe that's why her favorite place to hang out is her family's cottage in New York State. "It's on a lake which isn't huge, but you can water ski on it," she noted.

Lindy also mentioned that it almost took a lick from the tornadoes which ripped through that area recently. "There's a tree limb on one corner of the place, but the damage isn't very bad," she said.

Lindy's taste in clothes runs to the casual - Abercrombie & Fitch, American Eagle, and J. Crew.

She likes rock music as well as alternative rock. Tops on the tube for her is "Party of Five" and "Seinfeld."

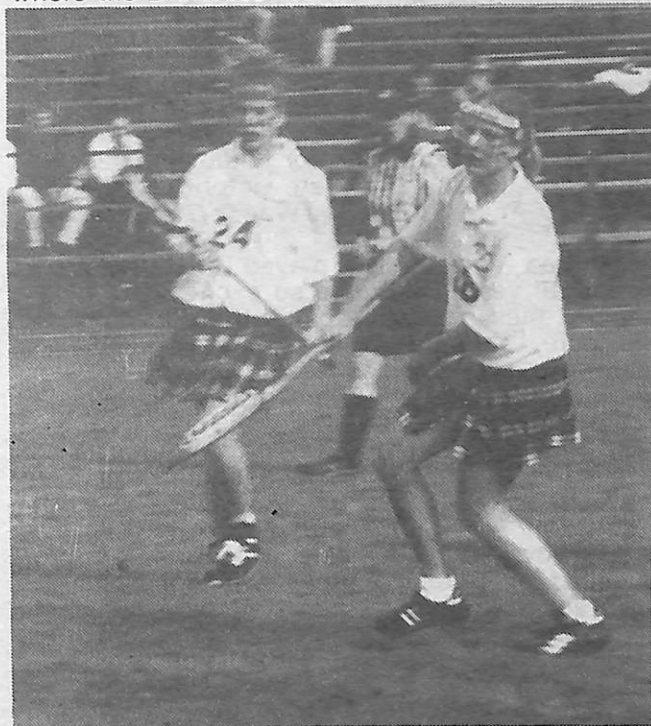
"Happy Gilmore" is her favorite flick.

Her mom's name is Margaret, an elementary teacher at Clark School in Agawam. Her dad's is Arthur, who is a popular, long-time teacher at the High School. She has an older brother, Tom, who is 19 and attends UMass. He is a former football and lacrosse player at AHS.

Lindy says she looks up to her entire family, which have all been very supportive. "They've always been there for me," she smiled.

Her days at Agawam High School are now over. She'll graduate with the Class of 1998 on Sunday, June 14th. She would like to be remembered as a nice kid who made an effort to be active and participate in every aspect of school life.

Lacrosse Coach Cindy Grieve had this to say of her senior attacker: "Lindy was a quiet leader who led by example. She never missed practice. And when she was there, she went at it as hard as she played in the game."



AHS SENIOR (right) Lindy Gage in girls' lacrosse action for the Brownies.



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# Lexington High Proves Too Much For AHS Lacrosse

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' lacrosse team had a long trip last week to play their first-round game in the State Tournament - all the way to Lexington in Eastern Mass. While there might have been optimism on the bus going down, a 15-2 loss made the two-hour trip back seem like it would never end.

"Lexington was very fast and quick as well. I don't really think we showed them how we are capable of playing," Agawam Coach Cindy Grieve noted.

Agawam's passing game has been its bread and butter all year and saw them end up with an excellent 11-5 final record. "We didn't pressure them with the pass. They had too many chances to recover on offense," the coach admitted. The Brownies got goals from sophomore Sheri Benton and Ann Paquette, who also recorded an assist.

One problem about the way this tournament is set up has to do with the distances many of the teams from this region have to travel (because there are not enough teams from this area to have a Western Mass. tournament like many other interscholastic sports).

So, if you are from around these parts and get a lower seed, chances are you'll be taking that long trip down the Mass. Pike - much as the Brownies did.

"We were the number 11 seed with four losses. Newton-North was number nine," Grieve explained. Then she added, "If we'd been able to play one more game during the regular season against a team with a higher seed than us and win, while Newton-North did the same and lost, we would have stayed home for the first round."

She noted that such a situation might have happened during their Martha's Vineyard trip, which was completely rained out. "If we had won just one of the two games we had scheduled, well, you never know," Grieve said.

## Talk Of Western Mass. Tournament

There has been some talk at the lacrosse meetings about a Western Mass. Tournament. "We're thinking it over, but that would mean playing each other more times than anyone would like," the coach admitted.

Grieve then addressed the season as a whole. She'll lose five seniors, all of whom were key players in their up-tempo game - Jill DeMarco, Sara Drenzek, Lindy Gage, Cheryl Lanier, and Allison Pratt. "Remember, last season we lost 14 to graduation and other situations. We regrouped and we'll do it again," she said, stressing that they have seven freshmen and sophomores, as well as four juniors coming back that all saw quality playing time.

The junior varsity will also factor in, according to Grieve. She praised the parents and the booster club. "They were very supportive by raising money, helping out, and offering encouragement," she noted.

"It was a very positive season. Our passing game rose to the next level and we'll be back next year with the same enthusiasm and commitment," Grieve said.

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(As Of June 8, 1998)

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Riverside Park Royals	8	2	0	16
Agawam Public Mkt. Yankees	6	3	2	14
Luigi's Restaurant Braves	6	4	0	12
Dreyer Plumb. & Heat. Dodgers	5	6	0	10
Elaine's Pet Salon Giants	3	8	0	6
Ayre Real Estate Mets	1	9	1	3
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## Ag. Little League Major Division STANDINGS

(As Of June 7, 1998)

TEAMS	W	L
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Coldwell Banker Yankees	8	3
Bridgeport National Royals	7	4
Valenti's Dodgers	5	5
Schlafler Chiropractic Indians	5	6
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by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### You Know What They Say About Weather In New England...

After this week's changeable weather, no one needs to be reminded of the old adage of "If you don't like the weather in New England, wait a minute."

With temperatures seeming more like mid-March than early June, the fishing has been spotty at best.

Alas, all good things must come to an end, thus it is with the tremendous spring striper fishery that we enjoyed here in the Connecticut River. There are still stripers available all the way up to the Holyoke Dam, but many of the larger fish have moved back down towards the ocean.

One of the biggest problems encountered to date is the fact that the herring population has taken a nose dive. Commercial netting operations with giant factory ships have decimated the herring population all along the eastern seaboard.

The comeback of the striped bass has also accounted for a drop in the herring numbers, coupled with the destruction of spawning habitat.

It has become difficult as of late to locate enough live herring to sustain a morning of heavy striper fishing.

Plug casters are doing alright below the Enfield Dam, but their success usually ends by the time that 6:30 a.m. rolls around.

For daily updates on the Connecticut River fishery, Internet users can access a great web site at <http://www.ctriverstripers.com>. This site is brought to you by Elm Bait and Tackle in Enfield and Rivers End Tackle Shop in Old Saybrook, CT. (Two fine tackle shops that deserve your business.)

#### FISH REPORTS

Congamond Lakes in Southwick and Hampton Ponds in Westfield are both producing some decent catches of largemouth and smallmouth bass. Trout action has moved to deeper water and requires the use of leadcore or downriggers to keep your lures in the deeper fish zone.

Connecticut River striper action is beginning to wane, but the largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing is starting to improve and will only get better after the strippers move back down towards the sea. The bass population is still in shock from the striper invasion. The bass are used to being at the top of the food chain and don't usually find themselves as snack material. A recent 40-pound striper had a two-pound smallmouth bass in its gut along with six herring.

Quabbin fishermen continue to take some lakers and some landlocked salmon in deeper water. The smallmouth and largemouth fishery is starting to turn on, especially in the areas around gate 31 and 43.

#### SALT WATER

Bluefish are being taken near the mouth of the Connecticut River at first light. Stripers are hitting drifted bucktails at Plum Gut and Long Sand Shoal. The Race is also producing fish.

Fluke catches are picking up in areas such as the rips off of Black Point and the rips near two three island channel.



### Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by  
Jim Modzelesky,  
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Feeding Hills, MA

### Wait For The Right Shoulder...

A steady head position is vital if the swing is to stay within the initial arc created by the takeaway. If the head moves off the ball because you're anxious to see where the ball is going, you are destroying the flow at the most crucial moment — just before contact with the ball.

Wait for the right shoulder to pass under the chin, and let it push your head up with it as your arms complete the follow-through.

The ball will be well on its way, but you'll instinctively be able to pick up its flight. You'll also begin to notice that it's going right where you want.



## Agawam Parks & Rec Dept. Slates Annual Hershey Track Meet

The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department has announced that the Hershey Track Meet will take place on Tuesday, June 23rd, at the Agawam High School track at 6:00 p.m. (The rain date is Wednesday, June 24th.)

Boys and girls ages nine to 14 (as of December 31, 1998) are eligible to participate.

The events will include the 50-meter dash, the 100-meter dash, the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter dash, the 800-meter run, the 1,600-meter run, a softball throw, standing long jump, and the 4 x

100-meter relay (participants must put together their own relay team).

Participants may participate in three events: two track events and one field event, or two field events and one track event.

Registration forms are now available in the Recreation Office, and the registration deadline is June 19th at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

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# Bombers Send Locals Home In Div. I Tourney

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

For the third time in three games, Agawam High faced a pitcher who had the big roundhouse curve. And for the third straight time, they lost, this time 10-4 to Westfield High at Harmon Smith Field. This one was a little tougher to take, however, seeing that it was the quarterfinal round of the Western Mass. Division I Tournament.

The sixth-seeded Bombers had scouted the third-seeded Brownies well. They knew Central High's Pat Strange had beaten them in the second-to-last game of the regular season, 3-0, using his curveball to keep the Agawam hitters off-stride. They were aware that in Agawam's 6-0 loss to Holyoke in the season finale, the Knights' Pat Dowling had curved them to death.

So, it was a calculated decision to send senior Nick Callini to the hill. Callini owns a fair country curve of his own, which was working on this day. Of his team's inability to handle that particular pitch, Brownie Coach Pete Clark shook his head afterwards. "We just aren't patient."

However, Agawam really wasn't out of it for the balance of the game. Going into the eighth inning, they only trailed 5-3 behind ace Brian St. Jean. The Bombers scored in the first to make it 1-0. Agawam got on the board in its half of the second.

Eric Melbourne lined a double to left. That was followed by a bloop single to center off the bat of catcher Andy St. Jean, scoring Melbourne.

Westfield struck again in the third. Three straight singles to start the inning saw them get another run. They had runners at second and third and were threatening again, but St. Jean reached down and dusted the final two hitters of the inning to get out of a huge jam. Agawam went in order when it was its turn.

Agawam was hurt in the fourth. There was one out and two on by virtue of a walk and a single. Bomber shortstop Seth Jerue, a St. Louis Cardinal pick in the recent Major League draft, stepped in. The Redbird draftee showed power with a blast to deep right-center. It was a triple and might well have been a homer had it not been for the speed of Agawam outfielders Bryan O'Quinn and Brady Martin. Two runs crossed the plate.

A long fly to center by the next hitter (caught nicely by O'Quinn) was deep enough to get Jerue home, making it 5-1, Westfield after 3½.

Agawam got one back in the bottom of the fourth. Designated hitter Ryan Progulske doubled to left. O'Quinn then hit one to deep short and reached when the throw to first was high. That miscue saw Progulske rumble across the plate. O'Quinn (on two steals) made it all the way to third with one out. Callini then struck out two, mostly on the curve, to end the inning and strand O'Quinn.

St. Jean set Westfield down 1-2-3 to open the fifth. Agawam pulled a little closer in the bottom of the inning. Second baseman Jay Hanscom reached first on an error by Bomber second sacker Brenden Witherell. Martin singled over the second base bag.

Shortstop Mike Wing came up with runners on first and second. A wild pitch saw them advance a base. Wing then rapped one down to short and was thrown out on a fielder's choice, which allowed Hanscom to score. After five, Agawam trailed, 5-3.

## A Seventh Inning Scare For Westfield...

St. Jean had settled down, not giving up another run through the eighth. Unfortunately, Callini was also cruising. He did get a scare, however, in the seventh when lead-off hitter Andy St. Jean drove a pitch to deep center. Bomber centerfielder Todd Giacometti kicked it into over-drive and made an outstretched, over-the-shoulder catch about 400 feet out. We'll never know, but if he misses and maybe new life is spirited into the Brownies.

When the ninth inning dawned, St. Jean was gone. He'd thrown 130 pitches and Clark decided that was it for his sophomore ace. Senior Ryan White got the call. Then the roof caved in. Westfield scored five times by way of a lead-off double, an error, an intentional walk, a single, a two-out single, a walk, and another single.

White, who had not seen a lot of action during the season because of injuries, left after Westfield had batted around. Junior Dave Federico came in and got the final out.

Agawam would score one more in the bottom of the inning. Melbourne tripled to deep center. Brady Martin drove him home. But Callini was just too tough, and despite hanging his curve now and then, he had it working when needed.

The sixth-seeded Bombers (11-6) avenged their 4-0 loss earlier in the season to the third-seeded Brownies (15-6) and moved on to the semifinals, where they'll meet number-two seed Pittsfield (18-3) at presstime.

"It's tough to lose in the first round. This wasn't the way we wanted our season to end," Clark said.

## SHAA Standings For Baseball/Softball

(Week Of June 1st-7th)

BOYS 11-12					
Luigi's Athletics	W	L	Walmart Lt. Blue	3	5
John' Trucking Orioles	7	0	Red (Sponsor Needed)	2	4
Sand Trap Rangers	8	2	Towne Ins. Co. Purple	1	7
Fitness First Rockies	6	3	GIRLS 13-17		
Westbank Falcons	5	5	Barker's Mechanical Plastics	W	L
Mr. Phipp's Phillies	4	4	Dubay's Cutting Edge	4	1
Hastie's White Sox	3	6	Shean's (Sponsor Needed)	5	2
Bay State Gas Wolf Hounds	2	7	Cressotti's E.B.'s	3	4
	1	9	Goodrow's (Sponsor Needed)	3	5
				2	4
BOYS 9-10			GIRLS 10-13		
Lions Club Orioles	W	L	Borsari's River Auto Service	W	L
Allen Lawnmower Rockies	7	1	Kelly's Agawam Credit Union	6	1
Valenti's A's	7	1	Francis's Poolman	6	2
Polish American Club Rangers	4	4	Mutti's Tolly's Black	4	2
Pirates (Sponsor Needed)	3	4	Cullen's Riverside Park	4	3
Westfield Bank Blue Jays	3	4	Pisano's T & R Wholesale	3	4
Reed's Giants	3	5	Bishop's American Classics	2	5
E. Cecchi's Sharks	3	5		0	8
	1	7			
BOYS 7-8 (DPL)			GIRLS 8-10		
Walnut Cleaners R. Blue	W	L	Yellow Jackets (Sponsor Needed)	W	L
Maroon (Sponsor Needed)	5	2	Red (Sponsor Needed)	6	1
Amerifit Teal	5	2	Stan's Orange Tigers	5	1
Navy (Sponsor Needed)	4	1	Agawam Spirit's Green Gators	5	2
V & F Auto's Green	4	2	Chris's Avon Teal Seals	2	5
Blimpie Subs' Orange	3	3	Kid's Footwear Purple Knights	1	5
	3	4		1	6

## Babe Ruth League STANDINGS

TEAMS					
AAMCO Yankees	W	L	3	6	
Berkshire Power Padres	8	1	Bill Walsh Royals	3	6
Christina's Rockies	5	4	Bridgeport Bindery Player of the Week: Sal Santinello, Indians.		
Fran's Restaurant Indians	4	5			

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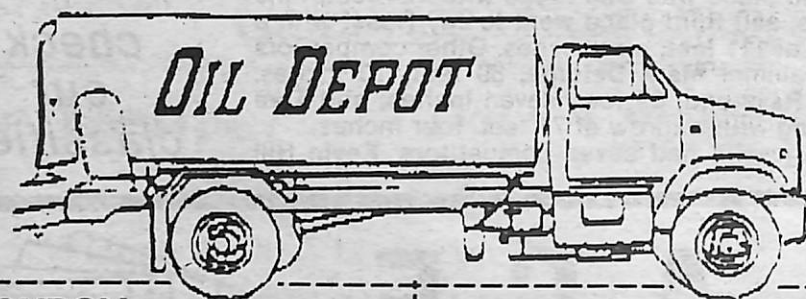
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## Alumni Track Meet At Agawam High Great Day For All

The First Annual Alumni Track Meet that was held on Sunday, May 24th, was certainly a fun day for all involved. We had great weather, great athletes, great spectators, and outstanding volunteers.

The meet started at 1:00 p.m. with the one-mile run. The competitors were **Anthony Goodrow**, current AHS track member (5:35); **Scott Griffin**, alumni (5:50); and **Joe Case**, current AHS track member (6:49).

Next was the 110 hurdles and we had two heats. The first heat included **Ian Lane**, current AHS track member (16:22); **Jeff Peterson**, alumni (16:32); and **Adam Sprague**, current AHS track member (23:00).

The second heat had **Gina Loudfoot**, current AHS track member, competing against **Ryan Grealis**, who plays lacrosse, and **Kevin Hill**, current track member who competes in the field events. Gina surprised us all by beating Ryan and Kevin with a time of 18:80. Her closest competitor was Ryan with a time of 21:75. Kevin's time was 22:75.

The next event was the 100-yard dash. **Jeff Peterson** won with a time of 10:48. Other competitors were **Ian Lane** (10:73); **Ryan Grealis** (11:66); **Marie Buendo**, current AHS track member (13:23); and **Gina Loudfoot** (13:98).

The second and third 100-meter dash heat included **Graham Raymond** (15:00); **Matt Bannish** (15:57); **Chris Bannish** (16:62); **Maureen Raymond**, alumni (17:04); **Kelsey Raymond** (17:97); **Scott Griffin** (14:25); **Andrew Guiel** (18:85); **Jackie Guiel** (19:90); and **Debbie Curtis** (20:38).

Competing in the 400-meter run was **Jay Gagne**, current AHS track member (107:5); **Josh Sprague**, current AHS track member (107:8); **Rich Clark** (108:0); **Tim Chretien**, current AHS track member (109:0); and **Adam Sprague** (110:0).

The final running event was the 800-meter with **Rick Clark** (2:24), **Anthony Goodrow** (2:29), **Chris Bannish** (3:46), and **Matt Bannish** (4:21) competing.

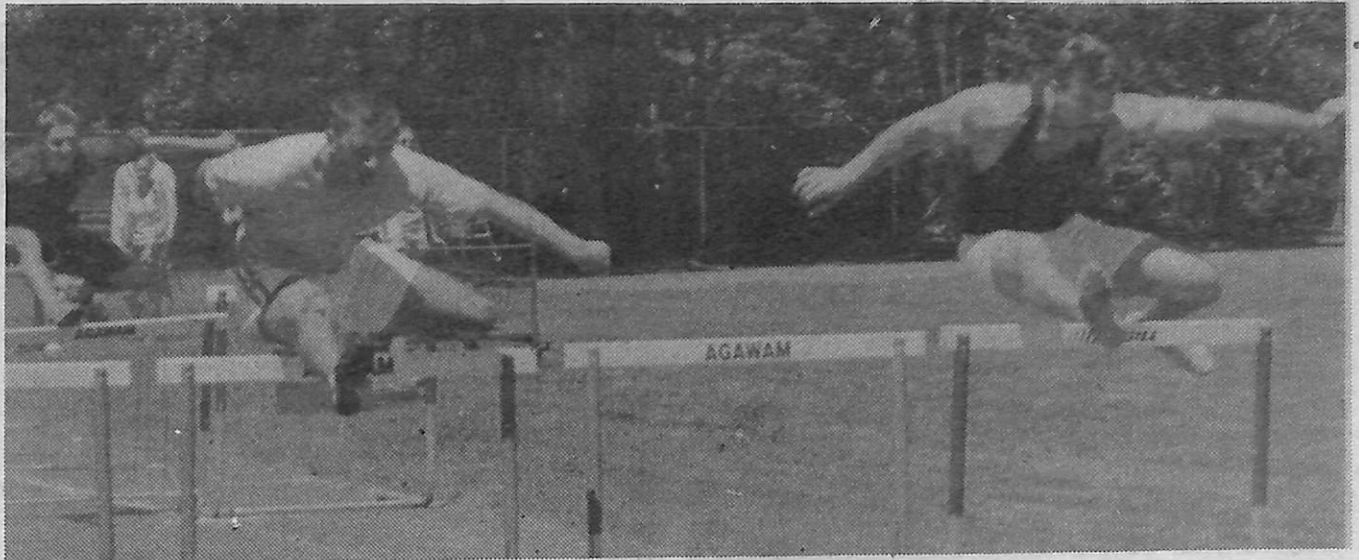
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The long jump had seven competitors: **Chris Bannish**, **Graham Raymond**, **Matt Bannish**, **Kelsey Raymond**, **Jackie Guiel**, **Marlene Guiel**, and **Andrew Guiel**. The longest jump was won by **Graham Raymond** with 11 feet and 10½ inches.

The field events included shot put, discus, and javelin. In the shot put competition, alumni **Jay Rossi** won with a throw of 51 feet, three inches. **Dan Pryce**, alumni and AHS assistant girls' coach, came in second with a throw of 46 feet, one inch. Alumni **Dana Raymond** (who happens to hold the AHS school record) came in third with a throw of 39 feet, eight inches. Fourth place went to **Tara Fleming**, current AHS track member, with a throw of 27 feet, six inches.

In the discus competition, we had **Jeff Peterson** beating all with a throw of 148 feet, nine inches. Second place was **Dan Pryce** with 124 feet, nine inches, and third place went to **Jay Rossi** with a throw of 111 feet, nine inches. Other competitors were alumni **Mark Deforge**, 89 feet, 10 inches; **Dana Raymond**, 89 feet, seven inches; and **Tara Fleming** with a throw of 71 feet, four inches.

The javelin had seven competitors: **Kevin Hill**



AT THE AGAWAM HIGH ALUMNI TRACK Meet on Sunday, May 24th, **Ian Lane** (left) battles **Eric Peterson** for the lead. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN PHOTO LEFT, AGAWAM HIGH SOPHOMORE **Gina Loudfoot** leads the field in the hurdles event at the First Annual Alumni Track Meet at Agawam High School. IN PHOTO RIGHT, **Ryan Grealis**, **Ian Lane**, and **Eric Peterson** run the 100-meter dash. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

took first with a throw of 141 feet, 11 inches; second was **Jeff Peterson** with 134 feet, six inches; and third went to **Dan Pryce** with 116 feet, four inches. The others competing were: alumni **Joe Scherpa**, 106 feet, nine inches; alumni **Brian Boyer**, 96 feet, 10 inches; **Andy Mutti**, current AHS track member, 91 feet, one inch; and **Jay Rossi**, 89 feet, eight inches.

**Lonnie DeLuca**, current AHS track member, had the pole vault event all to herself.

**Aimee Loudfoot** and **Lauren Kunkler**, current AHS track members, attended the event to assist us with the meet.

A special thank you goes out to Coach **Vecchiarelli**, who was not feeling well yet stopped by to see us all.

Thanks to all athletes and spectators for this fun day. Next year, we hope to see all the competitors back (and more) to make this an even bigger event for the whole family.

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## Ag. Parks Dept. Announces Lineup Of Summer Programs

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Registration will be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the office until the lessons are full. Phone registrations will not be accepted.

All fees are required at the time of registration and are made payable to the Town of Agawam. A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for all children's programs. Participants may register for one swim and/or tennis lesson at a time.

On the last Friday of each session, participants may register for another session if they wish. Non-residents may register beginning Monday, June 15th.

### YOUTH TENNIS LESSONS

Youth tennis lessons will be offered at the Agawam High School tennis courts. Participants must bring their own tennis racquet and water bottle. Instructor: Maureen Dimock.

Session I, June 29th to July 9th; Session II, July 13th to July 23rd; Session III, July 27th to August 6th; Session IV, August 10th to August 20th.

Lessons meet Monday through Thursday: 9:00 to 9:55 a.m., seven and eight years-old; 10:00 to 10:55 a.m., nine to 11 years-old; 11:00 to 11:55 a.m., 12 years-old and up.

Fee: \$20 per participant per session.

### YOUTH SWIM LESSONS

Youth swim lessons will be offered at the Perry Lane Park pool. Participants must bring their own bathing suit and towel. Water Safety Instructor: Ian Lane.

Session I, June 29th to July 10th; Session II, July 13th to July 24th; Session III, July 27th to August 7th; Session IV, August 10th to August 21st.

Lessons meet Monday through Friday: 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., Levels 1 & 2; 5:00 to 5:30 p.m., Pre-School; 5:30 to 6:00 p.m., Levels 2-5.

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Pre-School lessons are offered to children ages two years, nine months to four years-old. Levels 1-5 are offered to children ages five and up.

### POOL SCHEDULE

Perry Lane Park pool is staffed and maintained by the Town of Agawam.

Opens: Sunday, June 21st (weather permitting). Closes: Sunday, August 23rd.

Monday through Friday: 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Public Swim; 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., Swim Lessons; 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Public Swim (\* Public Swim will be closed for Piranhas' swim team practice, Monday through Thursday, June 29th-July 2nd, July 6th-9th, July 13th-16th, July 20th-23rd, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

Week of June 22nd-26th: 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m., Public Swim.

Saturday and Sunday: 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m., Public Swim.

Saturday, July 4th: 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., Public Swim.

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Pool passes are now available for purchase at the Recreation Office.

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The pool schedule is subject to change in the occurrence of extreme weather, special events, or emergencies. Disposable diapers or floatation devices are not allowed in the pool. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

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## Boys' Basketball Camp Again Being Offered

This summer, the Grand Meadow Boys' Basketball Camp will hold two sessions, July 6th-10th and July 13th-17, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

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Past staff members have included: Alex Vyce and Dan Franczek, Chicopee Comp. High School; Mike Gilliam, George Mason University; Dean Vecchiarelli, Agawam High School; Len Larabee, Westfield High School; Jim Powell, Denver Nuggets; Dan Butler, Putnam Vocational High School; Paul Scoville, Western New England College; and Jim Hobart and Bill Rigali, Holyoke High School.

Space is limited for each camp, and reservations will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hurry — don't let your child miss out on this great opportunity to learn the game!

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## Suburban Football To Hold 2nd Sign-Up

The Agawam Warriors suburban football program is holding its second sign-up this Saturday, June 13th at the Phelps Field snack bar building from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Players who are new to the program are asked to provide a copy of their birth certificate. The registration fee is \$75.

This season features a new PeeWee division of competition for children in third and fourth grade

who are eight and nine years-old. In addition, there are two other divisions; the Junior division for children in grades four through six (ages 10, 11, 12), the Senior Division for athletes in seventh and eighth grade (ages 12, 13, 14). No one born in 1983 or earlier is eligible; 14 is the maximum age.

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## Pioneer Valley Soccer News...

### U17 Boys

The team recently went to the Framingham tournament Memorial Day weekend and was put in the first division.

The first game was against Niskayuna, New York, which is a premier club. Agawam came out flying and we were up 3-0 at the half. The New York club proved it had something left and came back to score two goals in the second half, but Agawam held on for the win, 3-2.

In the second game, we drew a select team from Bristol, Rhode Island. The game proved to be very physical and the two teams battled to a 0-0 tie. In the third game, we went up against the home club, Framingham, and once again the Agawam team came out smoking and out-gunned Framingham, 3-0.

The fourth game had us against a team from Wayland, Mass. Once again, the Agawam boys came to play and defeated Wayland 2-0, which made us the winners of our division with the team from New York coming in second, and put us in a showdown with the tough New York team for the championship.

The two teams went at it hard and the game went up and down the field with the game ending in a tie. We went to overtime. About six minutes into the first overtime, the team from New York put one in the goal. Agawam tried to battle back and tie up the game, but could not get past the New York defense and New York held on to win the game.

As coach of the team, I could not have wished for a better showing from the boys, who had a super tournament and showed us that they really are a great team. Nice job, boys, and a special thanks to all who gave up their holiday weekend to get the kids there. Also, thanks to Kevin Quirk for the help on the sidelines.

### U10 Boys - Vipers

The U10 boys' team, the Vipers, traveled to Amherst, New Hampshire for the Memorial Day weekend. Coach Paul Lagasse and Assistant Coach Terry Bruso played their first game on Saturday against a strong Hollis team.

The boys played well and won their first contest, 3-2. The second game was against Marshfield, who had won their first game, 2-0. The Vipers were up for the challenge and took their second game, 2-1. On Sunday, the Vipers played and defeated the Bedford Blast in a high tension game, 2-0. The Vipers' skill at passing the ball and playing a good full field game of soccer was proving a winning combination.

The final game on Sunday saw the Vipers matched with their toughest opponent yet, the Hudson Blue. The first half of the game was exciting with the ball moving rapidly up and back, with shots by both teams. The half ended with Hudson ahead, 1-0. In the second half the Vipers again went with their game plan, passing the ball and using the entire field, finally putting one into the net with only 10 minutes left in the half.

Hudson responded quickly and was again up 2-1 with less than eight minutes to play. In the next few minutes, the Vipers really put on a passing show and were rewarded with a shot into the goal from beyond the 18, tying the score at 2-2.

In a final surge, Vipers defenders passed the ball up the middle to a breaking Matt Sabola, who scored his first goal of the tournament and what proved to be the game-winner; Vipers 3, Hudson 2.

The boys had won their first division title at an away tournament.

The only disappointment was that the boys could not continue on to semi-finals and finals on Monday due to the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association's 'non-results oriented' soccer ruling.

By playing additional games with the other divisions, the Vipers could have further sharpened their skills and continued a weekend of fun. In

## Jillian Danker Of Wilbraham Joins SLAMM's Camp

The Springfield SLAMM is proud to announce that Jillian Danker, the 6'1" guard from Wilbraham, will be joining Head Coach Don Moye's staff at their basketball camp. Jillian will be attending Vanderbilt University this fall.

The camp will run from August 17th-21st at Western New England College. Jillian also joins another Wilbraham standout, 6'4" forward Meagan Leahey. Meagan is currently playing at Notre Dame University.

Players from the 1998 Championship team will round out Moye's staff, which will feature Ramon Cosme, Champ Godbolt, Chad Haywood, James Hector, Rafael Rodriguez, and several others.

Coach Moye will be putting together several guest lecturers for the campers and will announce the lineup as soon as it's finalized.

Please call General Manager Stephen Fox for further information at 746-BALL (2255).



**THE U17 Pioneer Valley boys representing the Agawam Soccer Association reached the finals of the Framingham Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. Team members are, back row, from left - Coach Ray Scott, Matt Quirk, Jonathan Ashwell, Derek Mercadante, Brian Lopes, Brad Theriaque, and Dan Marsili. Middle Row Jack Pearson, Wes Scott, Chet Com-ee, Steve Hearn, Tim Faust, and Joe Divirgilio. Front row - John DeCaro and Frank DeCaro.**



**MEMBERS OF THE U10 Agawam Soccer Association Vipers who won a division title in Amherst, New Hampshire on Memorial Day Weekend. Back row - Coaches Paul Lagasse and Terry Bruso. Middle row, from left - Justin Chretien, Keith Long, Mike Uzar, Jon McGeoghan, Jeff Lagasse, and Matt Sabola. Front row - Jim Pietroniro, Dan Cosgrove, Ben Bruso, and Curt Barker.**

speaking with the other Massachusetts parents and coaches in attendance at the tournament. NONE were in favor of this flawed rule and NONE saw any differences in coaching, parental attitude, or even player positions on the field.

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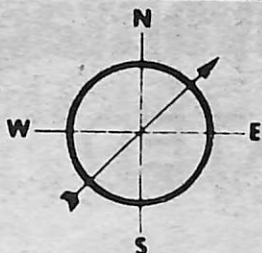
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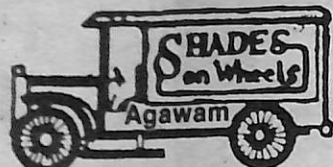
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**CASHIER/STOCKPERSON:** \$6-\$7/hour. Health food store. Apply in person. Choice Health in Westfield Shops. 568-8333.

**WANTED — PART-TIME DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY:** Responsibilities will include developing all phases of music worship for services. Prior experience in directing and conducting desired. Organ proficiency preferred. 15-20 hrs. per week. Submit resume to: St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030 (attention: Music Search Committee). No phone calls, please.

**BOOKKEEPER/OFFICE ASSISTANT P/T:** 15 hrs./wk, M-F, 2-5 pm. Self-starter. Windows/Office 95. Excellent communication skills. Human Services background a plus. Send a resume to Family Resource Center, 220 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077.

## FOR SALE

**553 ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES:** Just opened! Come visit us at 553 Main Street, West Springfield, tel. (413) 736-7975. Wed., 10-4; Thurs., 10-9; Fri. & Sat., 10-4; Sun., 12-4.

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Newly renovated, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, 2 sunrooms, hardwood and tile floors. Beautiful house priced at \$119,000 in Feeding Hills. Call 789-1150.

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**FOR SALE:** CPQ Presario. CDS 972; 586 4x CD Rom, 64MB; 14.4 Modem; 750 hard drive. Compact Presario 150, 15" Multi Media Monitor or 15" MM Monitor. \$1,200 or B.O. 786-8555.

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## TAG SALE

**TAG SALE:** Feeding Hills — 73 Tobacco Farm Rd. (off South West St.). Fri. & Sat., June 12th & 13th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Multi-family. Something for everyone.

**TAG SALE:** St. Theresa Women's Club welcomes all to their tag sale on Sat., June 13th, from 9-3 at St. Theresa's Church. Many interesting items to choose from!

**TAG SALE:** Old First Church, Court Square, Springfield. Huge benefit tag sale during Taste of Springfield. Friday, June 19, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Indoors and outdoors. Rain or shine.

**TAG SALE:** Multi-family tag sale — Sat., June 13, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Location: Montessori Children's House driveway on Garden Street, West Springfield, MA.

**TAG SALE:** Sat., June 13th, 8:30 a.m. (no early birds). 35 Cricket Rd. (corner of Pine & Barry). Antique dishes, glassware, luggage, baskets, household items, flags, X-mas trees.

## FOR RENT

**AGAWAM SPACE FOR RENT:** Will subdivide 50' x 110' bld. 3 offices, 14 ft., electric overhead doors. Fuel tanks, outdoor storage. Two 400 sq. ft. cold storage. Also 14 ft. doors. 786-2045, ext. 162. Todd.

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<b>Cider Jack</b> Hard Cider Apple & Raspberry (6 Pk.) <b>\$4.99</b>	 <b>Seagram's Wine Coolers</b> All Flavors (4 Pk.) <b>\$2.99</b>	<b>Jack Daniels</b> Country Cocktails (4 Pk.) <b>\$3.55</b>
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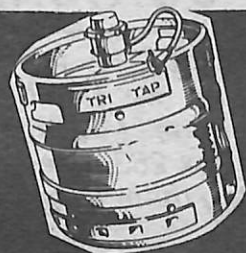
<b>Tanqueray</b> Sterling Vodka (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$19.99</b>	<b>Smirnoff</b> (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$14.99</b>	 <b>Gilbey Gin</b> (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$10.99</b>	<b>Bacardi</b> Spice Rum (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$15.99</b>	<b>Canadian</b> Mist (1.75 Ltr.) <b>\$11.99</b>
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**Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay** (750 ml.) - \$9.99  
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*Golden Chablis, Blush, Mt. Rhine, White Grinosch,*  
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*Mt. Burgundy & White Zinfandel* - \$11.99  
*Chardonnay & Cabernet Chablis* - \$14.99  
**Gallo Livingston Cellars** (3 Ltr. / Generic Only) - \$6.49  
*White Zinfandel, Cabernet Blanc, Red Rose, Blush Chablis,*  
*Rhine, & Burgundy*  
**E & J Reserve Cellars** (1.5 Ltr.) - \$4.99



**Ballatore Spumante** (750 ml.) - \$4.99  
**Hidden Cellars Hillside Red** (750 ml.) - \$8.49  
**Burgess Cellars 1993 Vintage Selection Cabernet Sauvignon**  
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